

## Arens, Hammer seen readying for last budget fight

By AVI TEMKIN  
Post Economic Reporter

The budget for fiscal 1984 will be put before the cabinet for approval today by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or. But stiff opposition to cuts in their budgets is expected from Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Education Minister Ze'ulun Hammer.

According to Treasury officials, discussions last week resulted in some narrowing in the gap between what the Treasury wants cut and what the two ministries demand, but differences in opinion remain substantial.

If the cabinet decides not to cut the defence and education budgets by the planned IS12 billion and IS4

billion, respectively, (in prices that are an average of fiscal 1983 prices), it will have to find other items to axe instead, Treasury officials said.

Earlier this month, the cabinet approved a budget, totalling IS1,443 billion. The Treasury has made it clear that it will insist that this limit be adhered to.

The Ministerial Economic Committee has already decreed cuts totalling IS58b. of the adjusted fiscal 1983 budget to take effect in the next fiscal year. This sum includes cuts in the two rebellious ministries, as well as others. But the Education Ministry announced over the weekend that it would not be able to cut the planned IS4b. since this would entail irreparable damage to the education system.

The Treasury, for its part, has already said that the Education Ministry could cover the shortfall by reintroducing a system of progressive fees for high school education, a move that Hammer strongly opposes.

But on Friday, Hammer indicated that he was examining what a communique termed a "revolutionary method" for cutting spending. Senior ministry staff are checking a proposal whereby each school would itself decide where the cuts should come, the decision being taken by teachers and parents' representatives, bearing in mind the pupils' level and needs in the various areas. Hammer said the scheme would grant "pedagogic autonomy."

## Railmen meet today to decide on strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Two thousand railwaymen are to hold mass meetings in Haifa and Lod this morning to decide whether to carry on their week long strike, which has stopped all trains throughout the country since last Sunday.

The meetings were called by the staff committees after the management informed them that they would dock workers' pay for every day of the strike.

The stoppage was called to back railway workers' demand for a 30 per cent pay rise and upgrading.

## Cairo official says Egypt, Jordan, PLO to hold talks

NEW YORK (AP). — Representatives of Egypt, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization will meet in March or April to discuss return of Israeli-occupied lands, according to Egyptian foreign policy adviser Osama al-Baz in an interview yesterday with the *New York Times*.

The U.S. has been invited to join in the discussions but Israel has not according to al-Baz, who is the senior foreign policy adviser to President Hosni Mubarak, the newspaper said.

"Since the time is not right for Israel to join us, the U.S. should act as a go-between," al-Baz said.

Al-Baz made the statements one day after the Islamic Conference, meeting in Morocco invited Egypt to rejoin the group from which it was suspended following the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

He said the invitation was a "corrective step" in restoring Egypt's position in Arab councils. But he said no decision would be made on

whether to accept the offer until it was determined that no conditions were attached.

He said the talks with Jordan and the PLO were intended to discuss "widening the terms of reference" for negotiations with Israel.

Egypt and Jordan have accepted, as a negotiating position, U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposal for Palestinian autonomy in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan, al-Baz said.

But he said the PLO opposes that because it would not establish an independent Palestinian state.

Meanwhile, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's military deputy Khalil al-Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, met Jordan's new prime minister Ahmad Obeidat yesterday and discussed Jordanian and Palestinian matters.

Arafat himself is due for talks in Jordan soon on a possible joint PLO-Jordanian strategy for Middle East peace, a Palestinian source said.

## 42 die in road accidents since start of January

Forty-two persons have died in accidents on Israel's roads since the start of January.

Of these, 15 died during the past week and 71 were badly injured in 61 accidents.

Of the week's dead, seven were pedestrians, two of them minors, and forty-nine of the injured were pedestrians.

Two of the week's dead, Staff Sergeant-Major Zvi Ruppe and Corporal Khalifa Bracha, who died in an accident on Wednesday on the Dimona-Arad road, were buried in Kiryat Gat on Friday.

On Friday, a 60-year-old woman

pedestrian was injured in Hadera while crossing a pedestrian crossing.

In Holon, yesterday, a 13-year-old boy was injured in Holon while crossing a street.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu said yesterday that IS5 billion are needed to turn Israel's most hazardous "red roads" into four-lane highways.

Corfu said that in 1983, 436 people died in traffic accidents, while tens of thousands of new cars were added to the roads.

Corfu said that the annual average deaths in traffic accidents in the 1970s was 650. (Itim)

## Snow in Florida, 20 dead as polar cold sweeps U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — Polar cold, blamed for 20 deaths, enveloped the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. on Friday, setting records in at least 13 cities. Snowflakes fell in Florida.

Never at any time in January had it been so cold in Elkins, West Virginia, where the temperature fell to -31C as the frigid air that had been punishing the North and Midwest all week moved into the East and South.

In parts of Wisconsin, it was -40C. The cold and winter storms

claimed 20 lives this week, including a St. Louis, Missouri, resident at a home for the elderly poor who was found frozen to death on a fire escape on Thursday.

Two men died of cardiac arrest after shovelling snow in Pennsylvania and two died of exposure.

Every state in the contiguous U.S. felt freezing temperatures — as far south as New Orleans and Mobile, Alabama — and light snow was reported in Pensacola in the Florida panhandle.



Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg and police Inspector General Arye Itzhan at Friday's special press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agnon, in which the two announced the arrest of two suspects in the Emil Grunzweig murder case. (Isaac Harari)

## U.S. warns it may strike at kamikaze terrorists

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and agencies

WASHINGTON. — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is considering a pre-emptive strike against any aircraft believed to be being made ready by terrorists for such attacks, they said.

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## Attacks on IDF from Shi'ite areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A series of attacks took place against Israel Defence Forces outposts in southern Lebanon over the weekend, mainly in border areas thickly populated by Shi'ites.

One IDF soldier was lightly wounded yesterday by light-arms fire aimed at an outpost from a passing car near Tibnin. A grenade was also thrown from the car.

Three kilometres north of Juaya in the western sector, automatic fire was directed at an IDF strongpoint. There were no injuries.

There were nine incidents last week in which IDF forces were attacked, mainly in Shi'ite areas east of Tyre.

Also last week, IDF and UNIFIL troops discovered and safely dismantled several explosive devices in the area.

On Friday, there were several attacks against the IDF near Sidon. A convoy drew light arms fire, which was returned. There were no injuries.

Roadside bombs were safely dismantled south of Sidon, and in Nabatiye.

## U.S. firm 'to probe Levinson's actions'

Bank Hapoalim's American subsidiary Ampal has decided to appoint an independent examiner to look into the dealings of its former boss Ya'acov Levinson, Israel TV reported last night.

The report said the decision was taken at a secret meeting in the U.S. over the weekend.

Press reports said that while heading Ampal, Levinson also ran another company, U.S. Investments, whose headquarters were at the Ampal headquarters in New York.

The reports alleged this constituted a conflict of interests. (Earlier story — page 3)

## Mobutu likely to ask for more Israeli military aid

Jerusalem Post Staff

KINSHASA. — President Mobutu Sese Seko is expected to ask visiting President Chaim Herzog for an increase and speeding up of Israeli military aid to his country during their meeting today, according to sources in Zaire.

Israel has two military units in Zaire — one training the presidential brigade in the Kinshasa area and the other training the Kamania Division, in the country's troubled Shaba province.

Herzog on Friday reviewed the presidential brigade. On Thursday, he spent a day with the Israeli mission in Shaba.

According to the commander of Zaire's presidential brigade, Israel is also providing training for the president's bodyguards and intelligence agents.

A diplomatic reception for Herzog in Kinshasa on Friday was boycotted by representatives of states who have no relations with Israel. The Egyptian ambassador to Zaire attended the reception.

According to sources in Zaire, Israel has supplied the Zaire army with light weapons, recoilless guns, half-trucks, artillery and trucks.

The official Zaire News Agency yesterday reacted strongly to what it said was a "virulent and hysterical campaign" unleashed in some Arab nations over the Herzog visit.

The agency said Zaire "says no to the unacceptable blackmail and arrogance of the nouveaux riches stuffed with petrodollars." While it saw the Arab reaction to the visit as in some ways "natural," it said Zaire was "astonished to see 'progressive' Arab countries call for a holy war against Zaire."

It noted that the Arab nations lacked effective unity for the Palestinian cause while Mobutu, despite excellent relations with

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## Betar Jerusalem wins

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Betar Jerusalem defeated Hapoel Tel Aviv 3-2 yesterday in "the soccer match of the season" at the Bloomfield Stadium, before a capacity crowd of 20,000 fans. Both teams had been equal on points at the top of the National League before the game. Betar led 3-1 at half-time.

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## Suspect held in Grunzweig slaying Police confident their case is watertight

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite denials by the suspect's lawyer, police believe they have solid evidence — including an oral confession — to convict 28-year-old Jerusalemite Yona Avrushi of the murder of Emil Grunzweig.

But the material in the case has not yet been given to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, who last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that he does not expect to receive the files in the case "for several days."

Avrushi's lawyer, Ya'acov Afroni, said this weekend that his client denies any connection with the Grunzweig murder. Afroni refused to reveal any details about his client, but *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that other lawyers may be joining the case by the time an indictment is brought to court by the District Attorney's Office.

Avrushi, a former employee of a metal workshop at the West Bank settlement of Ofra, was arrested last Saturday afternoon as the prime suspect in a year-long investigation into the grenade attack on a Peace Now rally. The demonstration, held last February 10, outside the Prime Minister's Office, was the height of the controversy about whether the then defence minister Ariel Sharon should resign because of the Kahan Commission's report on the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

Also arrested on Friday, January 13, was David Shemtov, a 20-year-old Jerusalemite to whom the police attribute numerous thefts of grenades from the army for sale to the underworld. Shemtov's arrest "cracked the case wide open," said a police source.

Avrushi, who served three years in jail on theft and drug charges, is the father of a two-year-old girl, and has been divorced from his wife for

several months. Neighbours in Neve Ya'acov describe the Jerusalem-born man as a loner who, when he lived with his former wife, often had screaming arguments with her.

Avrushi was discharged from army service as a youth on "medical psychological" grounds.

Ofra metalworks factory owner Nissim Erez took Avrushi on as a worker after the man got into "trouble with the police" and Erez offered to help rehabilitate him. According to Erez, Avrushi thought Peace Now members "were traitors," but Erez said this weekend that the day after the grenade attack the suspect came to work "as usual."

Avrushi lost a brother-in-law in the Lebanon war and a brother in the Yom Kippur war. Police attribute these personal losses to his throwing the grenade.

The arrest of Avrushi and

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## NEWS BACKGROUND

### Learning the lessons of a gruelling case

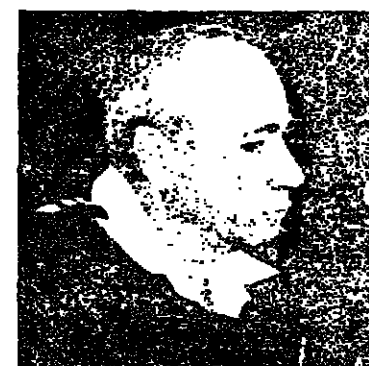
By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Throughout the entire investigation, the police discounted the theory that there was an organization at work in the murder of Emil Grunzweig during a Peace Now rally last February 10 outside the Prime Minister's Office. On Friday, when news of an arrest in the case broke, politicians, congratulating the police, expressed relief that the suspect was a "lone wolf."

Few elements in the case pointed to the existence of an organization behind the grenade killing, the police said.

Yet, while police sources this weekend emphasized that there is no direct link between the Grunzweig case and attacks in recent years against Arabs and non-Jewish institutions, senior sources said that they will use on these unsolved cases many of the same methods that brought 28-year-old Yona Avrushi and 20-year-old David Shemtov to the magistrates' court last week.

The special investigation team headed by Nitzav-Mishne Baruch Meir and Sgan-Nitzav Rafi Peled developed new computer programmes that enabled detectives to match names to theoretical profiles drawn by experts in criminology, psychology and political extremism.



Nitzav-Mishne Baruch Meir (Harrari)

Undercover agents in both the criminal underworld and organizations with ideological underpinnings were used extensively and for the first time, in a non-drug case.

It was an undercover agent, operating in the criminal underworld, who brought in Shemtov, the man suspected of selling the grenade to Avrushi.

A few weeks ago, before the net closed in on the two suspects, Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* that "the key difference between Grunzweig and the rest of those cases is that in this case a few attacked other Jews. That, combined with the obvious lack of a specific target, the overwhelming number of witnesses

who "didn't really see anything" and the possibility of another, similarly motivated attack, forced the police to develop methods previously unused here.

At the time Meir was speaking to *The Post* he didn't yet have his suspects, but he sounded more optimistic than he had been for a long time, already aware that the thousands of hours of work he had devoted to the case were close to bearing fruit.

"In a case like the (booby-trapped car attack on) West Bank mayors, or the Islamic University," another source close to the investigation told *The Post* recently, "one must assume that there is an organization at work."

"And penetrating such an organization to find its weak links, is terribly difficult, because they have worked together on the basis of a trust that they aren't going to give easily to strangers."

Furthermore, added the source, in hypothesizing that the Grunzweig grenade attack was an individual act, whatever its motivation, and not the work of an organization, the police had to begin by assuming that it could have been the work of almost anybody in the country.

In a by-product of the investigation, the team uncovered 16

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## Arrest sparks new round of recriminations

By ROBERT ROSENBERG  
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The arrest of a suspect in the murder of Emil Grunzweig has not brought a truce in the political battle of recrimination over who is to blame for the attack.

Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon described this weekend as "incitement" MK Victor Shemtov's allegation that Sharon incited to murder when the minister said that "Yossi Sarid and his friends won't be happy until the enemy marches into Tel Aviv."

Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman, a leader of the Tehiya party, expressed "satisfaction" with the police work, but warned that the suspect has not yet been proven guilty. Even so, Ne'eman went on in a statement, Peace Now, "in its various names and spectres... incites."

Ne'eman said that when U.S. television broadcasts showed a Peace Now demonstration where

some posters said "Sharon, your hands are bloody," people called the minister from America, "expressing fear for Sharon's life."

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres expressed "relief" that the police had finally found their suspect, and said that "all must be done to root out violence and terror from our society." Peres went on to praise the "existence of a peace movement in our country," adding he "only wished such a peace movement existed in the Arab world."

MK Yossi Sarid also expressed satisfaction at the results of the police inquiry, but hastened to add that there are "other cases that have still not been solved." He mentioned the bombing of the three West Bank mayors in 1980; the attack on the Islamic University of Hebron last year, which left three dead and more than a dozen wounded; the arson of the Hebron marketplace; and most recently, the Terror Against Terror case, in

which grenades have been found at various Christian and Moslem sites around Jerusalem.

A spokesman for the Judea, Samaria and Gaza settlers, on the other hand, condemned Sarid, saying that the police had proven that settlers were not involved in the Grunzweig case, and that therefore, Sarid, who had claimed that there was a Jewish underground emanating from the settlements, should apologize and "be ashamed."

The dramatic way in which the name of the suspect was revealed to the public is proof that the police themselves are concerned about the large number of unsolved crimes against Arabs. Shemtov said during a debate with MK Eliyahu Ben-Ellisar broadcast simultaneously on Israel Television and Galei Zahal Friday evening.

Shemtov accused the right-wing of having created an atmosphere

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A woman squad leader gives orders during an exercise of a guerrilla unit in El Salvador. One of a group of 14 journalists who were freed by the rebels late last week, took this picture. (UPI telephoto)

## Reagan: Constructive links with Soviets top priority

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan, going further in what his Administration has called a conciliatory approach towards Moscow, said on Friday that the greatest challenge facing the Western allies was "establishing a constructive relationship with the Soviet Union."

To this end, Reagan said, he would propose details for measures outlined by Secretary of State George Shultz on Tuesday at the

European Security Conference in Stockholm.

In the past Reagan has said the first priority was building defences against the Soviet Union.

Reagan's statement was issued after he met with Secretary of State George Shultz, who returned from Europe on Thursday night without an agreement to resume nuclear arms talks with Moscow.

"Of course, they did not resolve our differences," Reagan said, of

Shultz's meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. But he added: "The important thing is that despite those differences, we are determined to continue our efforts to make Europe and the world a safer and more secure place."

Speaking to a large audience of his administration's appointees, the president predicted that "sooner or later the Soviets are going to realize that equitable and verifiable arms

reductions are in their interests, too."

Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan had based his statement on the belief that as the Soviets realize that the U.S. is "seriously ready to negotiate, but more important, that we are determined to keep our economic recovery strong and firm, and that we are determined to proceed with our military revitalization."



## The weather at major Swissair destinations

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AMSTERDAM	1	34	4	39	Cloudy	
BRUSSELS	3	27	4	39	Cloudy	
BUENOS AIRES	19	66	28	77	Clear	
CHICAGO	25	13	31	88	Cloudy	
COPENHAGEN	4	28	1	35	Cloudy	
FRANKFURT	4	26	5	41	Cloudy	
GENEVA	1	34	4	39	Cloudy	
HONG KONG	6	21	27	81	Cloudy	
JOHANNESBURG	17	63	29	87	Clear	
LONDON	11	52	15	59	Rain	
MADRID	2	36	5	41	Cloudy	
MONTREAL	-10	-11	12	54	Cloudy	
NEW YORK	-11	-2	21	70	Clear	
PARIS	0	32	2	36	Cloudy	
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	70	30	86	Cloudy	
SAO PAULO	21	70	30	86	Cloudy	
STOCKHOLM	9	18	23	73	Cloudy	
TOKYO	-2	28	0	32	Snow	
TORONTO	-15	-8	11	52	Snow	
WUHAN	-1	30	41	106	Cloudy	
ZURICH	1	34	4	39	Cloudy	

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	43	5-13	14
Golan	58	4-14	14
Nahariya	58	6-18	18
Safed	58	5-10	10
Haifa Port	48	13-19	19
Thessalon	58	6-16	16
Nazareth	58	8-16	16
Ufa	56	2-18	18
Shimon	44	5-15	16
Tel Aviv	51	9-18	18
B-G Airport	50	5-19	19
Jericho	65	6-21	21
Caes	58	9-18	18
Beer-Sheva	43	4-17	18
Filat	25	10-21	21

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dorcas Hardy, Assistant Secretary of State, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, on her official visit in Israel, that fell on the Tu B'Shvat planted trees in the Peace Forest overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund.

Led by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom and World Wizo Executive Chairman Michal Modai, Wizo leaders from 21 countries who participated in the plenary session of the World Wizo Executive visited the graves of Paula and David Ben-Gurion in Sde Boker, a Wizo children's institution, and Dekel, a new settlement in the south of the country.

## 25 killed in Moroccan protests

MADRID. — More than 25 people were reported killed and hundreds wounded when troops and police opened fire on rioting students in the east Moroccan town of Nador on Thursday, the Spanish national news agency EFE said on Friday.

Moroccan government sources in Rabat yesterday declined to comment on the reports, which EFE attributed to semi-official Moroccan sources in dispatches from the Spanish enclave of Melilla, near Nador.

The students were reported protesting against higher education fees, and were joined by townspeople enraged at recent rises in food prices.

Some 600 troops were flown north from Meknes, 250 km south of Nador, on Thursday night.

# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## U.S., Israel experts talk on economic woes

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WASHINGTON. — Prominent American and Israeli economists will meet here this week to review Israel's economic problems.

The economists will join U.S. and Israeli officials who have been encouraged by Secretary of State George Shultz to consider various remedial steps.

The idea of the talks, which will take place tomorrow and Tuesday at the State Department, came last year when Shultz sought additional information from then foreign minister Yitzhak Shamir on the Israeli economy. Since then, there have been several exchanges.

Shultz, himself an economist, will not officially participate in the talks this week although he may meet with some of the Israeli visitors. He also will receive a detailed report.

A high-level inter-agency team of U.S. officials from the State Department, the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget and the Agency for International Development will be joined by several well-known American

economists who served in earlier administrations. Among them are Herbert Stein and Paul McCracken, both former chairmen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

On the Israeli side, the visiting Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Emmanuel Sharon, his deputy, Efraim Dovrat, and embassy Economic Minister Dan Halperin will be joined by three Israeli university professors: Eitan Shushinski and Nissan Liviatan, both of the Hebrew University, and Eitan Berglass of Tel Aviv University.

The meetings this week follow Friday's extensive review between U.S. and Israeli officials of Israel's economic aid request from the U.S. this year.

Israel has been seeking \$1.3 billion in economic aid beyond the \$1.4b. military grant already authorized by the Reagan Administration. Most observers expect the administration's eventual economic aid recommendation to be about \$850 million, but Congress will be asked by Israel later to increase it.

## Jemayel's palace hit in Beirut shelling

BEIRUT (AP). — Syrian-backed Druse insurgents shelled President Amin Jemayel's palace in suburban Ba'albeka yesterday, shattering the glass front of the two-story hill-top villa, but causing no casualties, an official spokesman said. A four-shell salvo crashed into the ceiling of the east wing of the palace, eight kilometres east of Beirut, causing considerable damage to furniture on the second floor, the spokesman said.

The 41-year-old president was giving an audience to alumni of the Lebanese University's school of journalism in a conference room on the first floor of the central wing when the shells struck, the spokesman added.

The spokesman said most of the palace staff rushed to a shelter in the basement of the building, but Jemayel continued the audience unruffled by the thunderous impact of the shells.

A government statement said the attack was designed to frustrate

Jemayel's efforts to enforce a Saudi-mediated security plan to disengage the warring factions and establish a durable cease-fire.

Druse gunners also shelled parts of Beirut's Christian sector and outlying suburbs in the second straight day of artillery and rocket attacks on population centres. The state radio said two Lebanese Army corporals were killed and one soldier was wounded. The toll from the battles was put by Druse and government sources at 10 dead and 35 wounded.

M-E SWING. — Bank of England Governor Robin Leigh-Pemberton and Kuwait's central bank governor, Abdul-Wahab Al-Tammar last week discussed financial cooperation. The British arrived in Kuwait from Saudi Arabia on the second leg of his Middle East tour. He was also scheduled to visit Bahrain and Egypt.

## Australian FM to visit Israel on tour

CANBERRA (Reuters). — Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden left yesterday at the start of a 25-day tour of the Middle East and Africa.

He said the main aim of the trip was to gather information for decision-making by the Labour government which came to power 10 months ago.

Australia has a peacekeeping force in Sinai and is seeking closer links with African countries, particularly in the Indian Ocean region.

"The Indian Ocean is as important to Australia as the Pacific

region — we forget that too often," Hayden told a news conference before his departure.

He goes first to Singapore, where he will stay overnight before going to Egypt on the first leg of a tour which will also take him to Israel, Syria and Jordan.

Hayden said he did not want to get his role in the Middle East out of proportion, stating he was conscious of the restraints on Australia compared with the superpowers.

In Africa, he will visit Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Mauritius.

## GI says kidnapping faked

STUTTGART (Reuters). — A U.S. soldier who said last weekend he had been seized by anti-nuclear activists confessed on Friday he had faked his own kidnapping, police said.

Specialist mechanic Liam Fowler, 21, caused a major police investigation when he disappeared a week ago from Schweabisch Gmuend, believed to be the first U.S. base equipped with NATO's controversial Pershing-2 nuclear missiles.

Soon after he vanished, he telephoned his wife to say he had been ambushed by six West Germans while driving along a country road and that his "kidnappers" threatened to kill him if reports on West German opposition to nuclear missiles were not published in the U.S. media within 72 hours.

Thirty hours after his disappearance, a farmer's wife found him asleep in a barn 230km. from the base. He was unharmed but suffering from exposure and was taken to a U.S. military hospital.

There was no immediate comment from his unit.

## POLICE CONFIDENT

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Shemtov was announced on Friday in a dramatically summoned press conference at which the top brass of the police flanked Interior Minister Yosef Burg in Beit Agnon's auditorium.

Making the opening statement at the press conference, Burg condemned those who had suggested that, for political reasons, the police were not making all the necessary efforts to investigate the murder. Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivztan, the police inspector-general, condemned the press for having "counted the days" as the investigators failed during the past year to conclude the inquiry.

Nitzav-Mishne Baruch Meir, who headed the investigation that has often been described by the police as "the most complicated and intensive ever conducted by the Israeli police," said that a major by-product of the investigation was the discovery of 46 other criminal cases.

Among the 10 people wounded by the blast, two of them seriously, was Avraham Burg, the minister's son and a Peace Now activist. Recently — before the police closed the net around Avrushmi and Shemtov — Burg said that "as a father" he wanted to see a successful end to the inquiry.

According to the inspector-general and his second-in-command, Nitzav Yechezkel Carthy, head of the criminal investigations department in the national police,

computers, undercover agents, and psychological profiles drawn up by experts were all used in tracking down the grenade thrower. Some 180,000 names were fed into a computer in an attempt to match names to the theoretical psychological profile. Undercover agents employed by the police were also used in hitherto untried ways.

Some 557 witnesses were questioned. Military police and the General Security Services intensively investigated the theft of IDF model 13 grenades, the type used in the attack. Only 8,966 such grenades were produced and they were used in 40 IDF units. Shemtov served in one of those units.

Ivztan emphasized that the police do not need a state's witness in the case, thus indicating that the police consider they have enough material evidence.

The inspector-general also emphasized that Avrushmi had operated without help from either "others or an organization."

Burg also stressed this point, when saying that "violence is violence" and that the police would investigate any case of violence irrespective of "the ideology of either the victim or the perpetrator."

Avrushmi operated as "a lone wolf," said the minister, who reiterated his complaints against those who had "insinuated" that he or other politicians had tried to soft-pedal the investigation.

"The police never ceased their investigation," said the minister. Ivztan confirmed press reports that from mid-July there were thoughts of changing the staffing of the investigation team. But the complexity of the case and the enormous amount of material information gathered by the original team

made such a change almost impossible.

A new team would have had to start from scratch. Nevertheless, a parallel unit was set up to brainstorm different avenues of inquiry for the original team. After awhile, said Ivztan, this team decided that Meir's group was on the right track.

While from the beginning the police emphasized that "almost anybody in the country" could have been responsible for the attempt, and that there were dozens of possible motives, by August the team was convinced that a lone, frustrated Jew, deeply affected by the political climate at the time of the attack, was responsible.

A symposium at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem in early summer involved psychologists, criminologists, experts in political extremism and others in an effort to draw a psychological profile of a potential suspect in the case. Much of what was described at the symposium, which was attended by the members of the investigating team, was to be found in the character of Avrushmi, as it was described by police sources this weekend.

## Four arrested after buses are burned

Special to The Jerusalem Post  
NAZARETH. — Two Egged buses were set on fire in the village of Jart in the Little Triangle on Friday night.

Four people were arrested for questioning but so far the reason for the arson is not clear.

The two buses were parked at the centre of the village when a local resident noticed the fire.



Members of the Namlu movement of volunteering youth distribute fruit and flowers to soldiers at Holon junction on Friday, to mark Tu B'Shvat. (Israel Sun)

## Mubarak lauds summit resolutions on Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — President Hosni Mubarak has lauded as historic the Islamic summit conference resolutions, but stopped short of endorsing the conference's decision to readmit Egypt to the 45-member Islamic bloc, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mubarak's first publicized comment on the outcome of the Casablanca summit, which ended Thursday, came in an exchange of telegrams with Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq, one of the staunchest defenders of Egypt's reinstatement in the Islamic Conference Organization, following a four-year suspension.

The exchange during the Pakistani leader's flight over Egypt on the way home from the summit was released by the presidency.

In his telegram to Mubarak, Zia ul-Haq said he was "particularly happy" with the summit resolution restoring Egypt to the ICO.

"I would like to commend the historic resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic summit conference at Casablanca for the sake of the unity and solidarity of the Moslem world in confronting the

dangers surrounding it," Mubarak said in reply.

Mubarak, however, did not say whether Egypt would accept its readmission resolution, reported to be conditional on Cairo's acceptance of past ICO decisions, presumably including opposition to the 1978 Camp David agreements.

Mubarak has said he would welcome a summit delegation in Cairo to discuss the readmission resolution.

The summit decided to send the four-member delegation to Egypt but there was no word here on when it would come.

The team will be led by Guinea President Sekou Toure and will include the foreign ministers of Iraq and Pakistan and ICO secretary general Habib Chatty of Tunisia.

The Pakistani and Guinean leaders led a moderate majority that favoured Egypt's readmission, Syria and Libya lead a radical minority that bitterly opposed the move.

Osama al-Baz, Mubarak's political adviser, said on Thursday that Egypt will not accept any conditions for rejoining the ICO.

## Rumsfeld reportedly asks British to stay in MNF

LONDON (AP). — Special U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld met here Friday with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and the *Daily Telegraph* said he asked Britain to keep its troops in the Multinational Force in Beirut and try to persuade France and Italy to delay their planned withdrawals.

Rumsfeld's hour-long meeting with Thatcher and British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe followed a meeting here earlier Friday between Howe and Lebanese Foreign Minister Eli Salem.

Aides said Salem arrived in Britain from Paris to learn from Howe details of the latter's visit to President Hafez Assad of Syria and other

Middle East leaders last week.

The *Daily Telegraph* said Salem also asked Britain not to pull its 110-man contingent out of the Multinational Force.

The BBC said Howe reiterated to Salem Britain's commitment to the force.

Rumsfeld was scheduled to go to Paris this weekend and observers said he is expected to ask the French to hold on for a while in Beirut so that all the members of the Multinational Force — the U.S., Britain, France and Italy — can act together.

Salem told reporters here that in the absence of any security agreement, the force was needed in Lebanon more than ever.

## Libyan envoy is gunned down in Rome

ROME (AP). — Libya's top-ranking diplomat in Italy, Ammar Taggazy, was shot and critically wounded by two unidentified gunmen who ambushed him at his garage entrance yesterday, police said.

The attack took place in broad daylight when two young men walked up to Taggazy in Rome's northern section and started firing before escaping on foot, the state-run RAI television network and the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

It was not clear whether the attack was politically motivated. No person or group immediately claimed responsibility.

A police spokesman said the 43-year-old Libyan was "critically wounded," at the Umberto I hospital.

Taggazy is the head of the "Popular Committee" which represents the radical regime of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi in the Italian capital. The committee was formed in September 1979, as a substitute for the post of ambassador.

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peacekeeping force have come under fire.

U.S. fighter planes also carried out a bombing mission against Syrian position in Lebanon on December 4 after American reconnaissance flights were fired on.

ABC Television news last night quoted intelligence sources as saying Islamic fundamentalists had obtained light planes and perhaps helicopters. These had been moved closer to their targets but had not yet been "married up" with their Iranian-trained pilots, the report said.

Intelligence sources said the planes were not on Syrian territory although Damascus was believed to have acquired in training of the pilots by Iran, according to ABC.

The U.S. navy has warned all planes and ships to stay at least five miles away from American vessels in the Gulf region as a precaution

against terrorism, Defence Department officials said yesterday.

The order was issued for ships on Friday night and for planes yesterday. It followed similar moves taken several weeks ago covering ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean off Lebanon.

CBS news yesterday quoted officials as saying that U.S. intelligence had spotted suspiciously large crates being transported from Iran through Syria to Ba'albek, the Syrian-controlled city in Eastern Lebanon where the extreme Islamic Jihad is reportedly headquartered.

U.S. intelligence believes the crates contain parts to assemble aircraft for attack against U.S. facilities in Lebanon as well as ships off the Lebanese coast.

The *Washington Post* said the Pentagon has rushed Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to U.S. ships in the area. Crews of the ships are said to be on high alert.

## ARRESTS

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which could incite to murder. "If Minister Ariel Sharon could tell students, that Yossi Sarid and his friends will not be happy until the enemy reaches Tel Aviv; some people could draw their own conclusions about what should be done to traitors like us," he said. "When they accused us of putting a knife in the nation's back, it reminded me of things I heard when I was a student in the '30s."

Ben-Elissar said public figures, like Shemtov should be careful what they say. "What you just said could also incite people, even if it was covered by a very cultural veneer and even if incitement was not your intention," he said. "I could also quote statements by Yossi Sarid which could turn people against those who do not share his views."

Ben-Elissar said the police and the public should be allowed to rejoice in the police success, which represented a high level of technical and professional competence and education. "I normally do not approve of dramatization but in this case, which so concerned the Israeli public, I would make an exception," he said.

Eliezer Grunzweig, brother of Emil, told Kol Yisrael yesterday that he hopes the suspect in his brother's murder is indeed the perpetrator and that the crimes have been solved.

"At the same time, we have to remember the atmosphere before and during the demonstration," he said. "Demonstrators were spat upon and attacked with stones and burning cigarettes. Every effort must be made to see that this sort of thing does not happen again so that others will not be tempted or incited to use violent means to express disapproval of opinions they do not like."

Members of the Grunzweig family held the news that a suspect had been arrested at the same time as the rest of the country, from the radio.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg should have used Friday's press conference to apologize to Peace Now, one of the movement's leaders, Tzali Reshef, said during an interview on Kol Yisrael Friday evening.

"The tone the minister and the police chief used at the press conference, as if we had sinned by constantly recalling Emil Grunzweig's murder and talking about the need to catch the murderer — really surprised me. First of all, we helped the police in the investigation, and were thanked more than once for doing so."

"Secondly, at a demonstration which the government organized in July, 1982, Dr. Burg called us (the 100,000 from the peace camp who had demonstrated two weeks previously) a fifth column, in other words, traitors. That made us fair game, as did the ridiculous rumours about our being supported by the C.I.A. or in contact with Saudi Arabia," Reshef said.

The interviewer said the council of settlements in Judea and Samaria wants an apology from Peace Now and other leftist groups, who, they say, cast aspersions on the Jews of Judea and Samaria by saying theirs was the camp from which the murderer probably came.

"We are not the ones who have any reason to apologize," Reshef said. "If you examine all our statements, you will not find anything like that."

## MOBUTU

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Israel, had pointed out in front of Herzog the inalienable right of the Palestinians to an independent, sovereign state.

It attacked the "anachronistic pretensions" of certain Arab regimes which thought they could still dictate policy to African nations.

Herzog is due today to go to Mobutu's native village of Gbadolite, where an Israeli company is running an agricultural scheme.

Tomorrow, Herzog leaves for Liberia.

VISIT. — Malaysia's Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie arrived in Teheran yesterday for a two-day visit during which international issues would be the major topic of discussion, the Iranian national news agency reported.

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## Kohl visit 'overshadowed' by Saudi deal

## Bonn's envoy regrets arms dispute

By LEA LEVAY  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Germany will take Israel's legitimate security interests into account in its decision about arms sales to Saudi Arabia, West German Ambassador Niels Hansen told Kol Yisrael yesterday.

During an interview Hansen said that, as ambassador here, he is sorry the issue of arms to Saudi Arabia will overshadow Chancellor Helmut Kohl's forthcoming visit to Israel.

The ambassador went on to explain that what had been termed the legalization of the Waffen S.S. simply means that the organization is no longer considered dangerous to the

constitutional order of the Federal Republic of West Germany. It is by no means a moral rehabilitation of the S.S., he said.

On the same programme Gideon Hausner, who prosecuted Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, and is now chairman of the board of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, said the sale of German arms to Saudi Arabia would be a victory for Hitler in his grave.

"It is unthinkable for any Israeli, any Jew, and I think for any decent human being after all we have suffered at German hands."

During an earlier radio programme, Yisrael Eldad, a former Lehi colleague of Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir, and a known opponent of normal relations with Germany, said he does not envy the prime minister having to receive the German chancellor but he understands that it is necessary. "If I spend reparation money to raise my standard of living, I am benefiting from the blood of my mother and brothers whom the Nazis killed," said Eldad. "However, if I put that money away for my grandchildren, I am insuring the continued existence of the Jewish People, against those like the Nazis who want to destroy us. If Israel would use money from Germany only to protect our security, that would be acceptable," he said.



Jerusalem schoolchildren demonstrate on Friday as part of the campaign to demand freedom for Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky, imprisoned in the Soviet Union. Addressing them is former Prisoner of Zion Hillel Butman. Tel Aviv school students are to demonstrate on Shcharansky's behalf next weekend. (Zoom 77)

## NII head defends report on poverty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The income of the lowest ten per cent of Israel's population went down by 3 per cent between 1979 and 1982, while the top ten per cent had incomes of 6.7 per cent more in 1982 than in 1979.

Danny Azriel, director-general of the National Insurance Institute, offered these statistics during a radio interview Friday evening as proof that the Finance Ministry had no basis for criticizing the Institute's report on poverty. He said the Treasury was unable to contradict any of the Institute's data.

As for the charge that data about 1982 are irrelevant in 1984, Azriel said that the data reflect a continu-

ing trend. "We warned last year that the situation would be worse in 1982 (on the basis of 1981 data reported a year ago) and we sound the same warning now about 1983 and 1984," he said.

Last year, after the 1981 data were released, the institute convinced the minister of labour and social affairs to recommend increases in the allotments to large families to bring them out of poverty. The recommendation was accepted, but the resulting higher income put the families in a bracket where they had to pay income tax. After tax deductions, they were back below the poverty line, Azriel said.

He stressed that though he is from the Tami party, he is careful not to let partisan considerations influence his work as head of a government agency. "The National Insurance Institute is society's social conscience," he said. "It is our job to worry about those who do not have a lobby, or good connections or opportunities to fight for their rights."

He said that National Insurance recipients, as long as they are of age and not proven mentally incompetent, may spend their money as they see fit. Education about how to budget and how to set priorities is important, he said, but the final choice is the recipient's.

## Illness, complexity may delay Levinson report

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Danny Rosolio, secretary of the Histadrut's holding company, Hevrat Haovdim, said on Friday, the investigation into alleged irregularities by Bank Hapoalim's former director Ya'acov Levinson may not end within the next eight days as promised.

Following last Sunday's central committee meeting, the Histadrut issued a press release quoting Rosolio as saying the inquiry would "complete its findings" by that date, Sunday, January 29. The Histadrut executive is scheduled to discuss the matter then.

But on Friday, in an address to Labour Party members of the executive Rosolio said it was not certain if conclusions could be presented by next Sunday.

The investigation was launched about six months ago after Rosolio received anonymous letters and reports about Levinson's activities. There were allegations that Levinson had arranged for transfers of Bank Hapoalim assets to its American subsidiary Ampal. The assets were sold cheaply and in doing so Levinson transferred assets from Israeli to foreign hands, it was alleged.

Levinson insisted he acted with the bank's knowledge and in accordance with its aims.

Rosolio said the investigation by Bank Hapoalim Board members Shraga Rothman and Amir Sivan was delayed because of Rothman's illness and due to the "complexity" of the matter.

He rejected demands by the Likud faction in the Histadrut that an independent state commission investigate the affair.

## Galilee police catch 30 drug suspects

Special to the Jerusalem Post

ACRE. — Thirty suspected drug pushers from Acre, Nahariya and other settlements in the Western Galilee were arrested in a major roundup, a Galilee police spokesman said on Friday.

The spokesman, chief Inspector Shlomo Shamir told journalists that 120 policemen headed by the area's police chief, Assistant Commander Meir Sadeh, on Thursday night stormed hideouts and homes of suspected hard drug dealers. Dogs and special equipment were used to find the drug caches. Some stolen property and IDF uniforms were also found.

The police reportedly moved in on the basis of information collected by a planted agent.

Since the Lebanon war, Galilee has turned into a storehouse of drugs. Ten days ago police arrested three Arabs from the Gaza Strip with 1,250 kg. of hashish, reportedly the biggest drug haul ever made in the country.

## Journalists boycott new daily newspaper

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Tel Aviv journalists union on Friday decided to take all available measures to stop the production and distribution of a new afternoon newspaper, whose managers have so far refused to sign the journalists' collective work and wage agreement.

The union forbade its members from working for the new newspaper.

The union's decision followed the refusal in writing by Amos Schocken, the managing director of Ha'aretz, who intends to put out a new paper, to sign the agreement.

## Lebanon war stymied Egypt aid scheme

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Plans to establish a development fund for Egypt, with the participation of the U.S., some European nations and a number of Jewish businessmen, were in an advanced stage, when the outbreak of the Lebanon war put them into "cold storage," this was disclosed by former Bank of Israel governor Arnon Gafni at a Tel Aviv University dialogue on Thursday night.

Gafni, who played an active role in the project both as governor and after his retirement, explained that the idea was to assist Egypt, which lost Arab funds after the peace treaty, while avoiding the impression of Israeli economic interference. Gafni said that Israeli and Egyptian officials who worked on the idea "spoke the same language" and that both former president Anwar Sadat and President Hosni Mubarak had been keen on the scheme.

The dialogue was organized by the university's business administration school to mark the publication in Hebrew and English of Professor Ze'ev Hirsh's new book, *The*

## Jewish Agency tourism said illegal

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Jewish Agency is bringing tourists to Israel illegally, without the licence to do so required by the law, Israel Hotel Association Director Moshe Amir charged yesterday.

The association has asked the Tourism Minister, the State Controller and the Jewish Agency Controller to prevent the agency from bringing tourists to Israel until it obtains the licence to do so, Amir said.

The scope of the agency's tourist

activities was revealed when the agency asked the Industry and Trade Ministry to release it from the restricted business practice which limits the reductions travel agents receive on hotel fares. The Jewish Agency's tourist operation covers 53 million and 12,000 people annually, according to a memo the agency presented to the ministry, Amir said.

The agency wants to be exempted from the restricted business practice in order to host its tourists in five star hotels at the price of three and four star hotels, Amir said. He added that this would damage

tourism from the U.S. handled by licensed travel agents who adhere to the business restriction practice.

So far, Amir said, the agency has rejected the association's offer to reach an agreement about the agency's tourists.

Tourism Ministry spokesman Zvi Rimmon said yesterday that the ministry is pleased with every tourist who comes to Israel, and with the quality of those who come through the agency. "When we get any complaint about the agency's tourist activities, we shall examine it and comment," Rimmon said.

## Labour men spring surprise on Meshel over wages pact

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two members of the Labour Party faction in the Histadrut executive have challenged the labour federation's objections to concluding a package deal with the government. The issue is to be discussed by the executive today. Histadrut Secretary General Yehoram Meshel has said a package deal is out of the question because it implies a social contract with the government.

Apparently, he was so sure of his backing that at Friday's faction meeting he asked — evidently rhetorically — whether anyone supported such a deal.

Ezra Ben Ya'acov, the head of the professional training department said labour must present its conditions for a deal. And Ya'acov Hadassi, the secretary of the Petah Tikva Labour Council said the Histadrut must show readiness for tactical reasons. "We must ride this wave," he said.

Pointing to the need to rebuff accusations by Industry Minister Gideon Patt, that the Histadrut is trying to cause economic chaos to topple the Likud government, Hadassi said "our justice should be also seen."

Hanassi rejected Histadrut fears that prices would rise despite an agreement to freeze them, and that a package deal would prevent workers from fighting for raises. He said agreements concluded in Belgium under similar circumstances allowed that if prices rise by 2 per cent workers are compensated.

But he was criticized by Aharon Mattat-Tov, who heads the Histadrut's Mivtahim pension fund in Jerusalem. Referring to Patt and Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, he said: "These people are liars, cheats. A package deal you can base on trust only."

Daniel Sasson, 25, of Kiryat Ata, had his licence suspended in October, after being involved in an accident in which one person was injured. A week later, and still under suspension, he again caused an accident while under the influence of drink.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A man who caused an accident while driving when his licence was suspended, was jailed for six months by Judge Rahel Hozeh on Friday. She suspended his licence for 10 years.

Daniel Sasson, 25, of Kiryat Ata, had his licence suspended in October, after being involved in an accident in which one person was injured. A week later, and still under suspension, he again caused an accident while under the influence of drink.

## Body of Haifa money changer found

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The body of a 76-year-old money-changer was found south of the city at noon on Friday, nearly 24 hours after he was reported missing from his Kiryat Eliezer quarter home. Ze'ev Berko had last been seen entering a parked car near his home at about 1.30 on Thursday afternoon.

Berko was known to deal in currency since he was pensioned from the port more than ten years ago. Police established that Berko had

been robbed of \$2,000 last August, but had not reported the incident, probably because he feared exposing his illegal currency activities.

He was seen entering the vehicle that apparently had been waiting for him, immediately after he had returned home by bus as usual.

He is believed to have had a large sum of money — \$1,500 and \$20,000 — on him Thursday, but when his body was found the dollars and most of the shekels were missing. Berko's body has been sent for forensic autopsy.

## Haifa butcher held for purchasing stolen car

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A butcher who bought a new Audi car for \$50,000 was arrested on Friday on charges of receiving stolen property.

The car, a 1984 model, had been stolen from the Champion agency, and the man who allegedly sold the car to the butcher has also been arrested. The butcher, from the Kiryat Yam suburb pleaded that he "did not know" the real price of an Audi, which is many times the sum he paid.

VOTERS. — The Histadrut will update its voters registry this year to ensure that all members who are entitled to do so will be able to vote in union elections.

## Polygraph test urged

Labour Party secretary Haim Bar-Lev has asked Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir to suggest a way — a lie detector test or another method — to determine the veracity of a recent statement by Trade and Industry Minister Gideon Patt.

Patt charged that Labour Party and Histadrut leaders met in secret session nine months ago and conspired to cause chaos in the economy in order to topple the Likud-led government.

Labour and Histadrut spokesmen have denied Patt's charge.

ROAD RULES. — Acre is to have a road safety training centre for the use of all schools in western Galilee. Some of the funding will come from prize money awarded to Acre municipality for its road safety record.

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## U.S. irked by UN report on General Assembly voting

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The U.S. Mission accused UN headquarters Friday of trying to mislead the American public by claiming that the U.S. voted with the Third World and Soviet bloc majority on more than 70 per cent of General Assembly resolutions.

The Americans contend the reverse is true. Statistical analysis, they said, showed the American UN delegation was in discord with the majority more than eight times out of 10 during the last three assembly sessions.

The crux of the disagreement is that the UN analysis includes all resolutions, including those adopted by consensus.

The American argument is that consensus resolutions are adopted by general agreement without votes

and therefore should not be counted as "votes" in any analysis of voting patterns.

Furthermore, the argument goes, many consensus resolutions deal with minor issues. The U.S. considers that only votes on important issues give a true political picture of the 158-nation assembly.

Joe Sills, a UN headquarters spokesman, said the U.S. Mission was being "legalistic to the point of unreality."

"The purpose of the General Assembly is to reach agreement," he said. "If you reach a consensus that is rendering agreement in the best fashion."

Sills and a UN information officer in Washington, Vera Gahright, insisted the UN report was issued purely for informational purposes.

## Palace rejects criticism of queen by Enoch Powell

LONDON (AP). — Buckingham Palace, responding to a member of Parliament's criticisms, said on Friday night that Queen Elizabeth II has the interests of all her people at heart irrespective of race and denied that her recent speeches have been biased in favour of Britain's non-white minority and countries abroad.

"The queen has no ethnic favourites. She has equal concern for all her subjects," said her press secretary Michael Shea following a sharply-worded attack by former cabinet minister Enoch Powell.

Powell, 71, is a Protestant Northern Ireland member of the British Parliament.

His views on race have attracted widespread publicity ever since he grabbed headlines in 1968 when he predicted rivers of blood would flow

if non-white immigration into Britain was not stopped.

His attack earlier Friday night in a speech to businessmen in Leicester in the Midlands brought swift comment from other politicians, the palace, newspapers, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's office, the British Broadcasting Corp., and others.

Noting the 57-year-old constitutional monarch has speeches written for her by government ministers, and denying he intended any personal disloyalty, Powell said: "Ministers have increasingly of late permitted themselves to place in the sovereign's mouth speeches which suggest that she has the interests and affairs of other countries in other continents as much or more at heart than those of her own people."

## London armed gang snatch £1m. in gems from Christies

LONDON (AP). — A gang of robbers armed with sawn-off shotguns raided Christie's auction house on Friday and snatched an estimated £1 million worth of jewels from the Florence J. Gould collection.

Scotland Yard said the two items taken from the collection, which is to be auctioned in New York in April, were a diamond bracelet and one earring from a pair. Two necklaces also were taken from another display. But Christie's said they were of lesser value than the jewels from the Gould collection.

The robbery was filmed by Christie's closed-circuit security

cameras, and the videotape was given to the police.

Scotland Yard said the four robbers apparently were white men and they all wore masks. After bursting into Christie's and dashing up a staircase to the second-floor display room, they escaped in a van after the robbery, Scotland Yard said.

The entire 42-lot collection of Florence Gould, who died last February, was tentatively valued at £2.5m. when it was put on display earlier this week.

Gould was the daughter-in-law of the American railway magnate Jay Gould.

## Grenade explodes at Singapore weapons show

SINGAPORE (Reuters). — A rocket grenade exploded at an international aerospace exhibition at Singapore's Changi Airport yesterday, killing one person and injuring eight others, police said.

It went off during a demonstra-

tion at a Singapore military booth where an array of sophisticated weapons, including live ammunition, was on display.

The explosion tore a big hole in a wall and shattered glass panels. Police cordoned off the area but the exhibition, the biggest civilian and military aerospace show ever held in Asia, went on uninterrupted.

Police said no one had been detained but a thorough investigation would be held into the accident.

The grenade exploded 50 metres from a U.S. "space" stand where visiting astronaut Norman Thagard was signing autographs.

Thagard rushed to the Singapore pavilion to assist the injured.

Police identified the dead man as Goh Suan Feng, 21, from Singapore. The injured included two Americans, John Somerville and Laura Somerville, but police said their condition was not serious.

Most of the stands were taken up by military hardware from the U.S., France, Britain, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Israel, Japan and Italy.

**CRUZEIRO.** — Brazil's central bank Friday announced the fourth devaluation this year of the cruzeiro, against the U.S. dollar, this time by 1.63 per cent, making the rates 1,043 cruzeiros to the dollar for buyers and 1,048 for sellers.



The "Skyship 600," now being prepared for its maiden flight next month in England, is expected to open up a large export market. It measures 59 metres long and carries 20 passengers. British, U.S. and French government agencies have shown interest in its military and civil application. (UPI telephoto)

## Poland is angry, let down at continuing U.S. sanctions

WARSAW (AP). — The Polish government on Friday expressed "disapproval and deep disappointment" that the U.S. had decided to lift its sanctions against Poland only partially.

The U.S. left in place "all the significant restrictions," government spokesman Jerzy Urban said in a statement.

"The U.S. policy toward Poland, and its general assumptions, have not changed," he said.

The White House announced on Thursday that the U.S. administration responding to a plea last month by Nobel Peace Laureate Lech Walesa, would lift some of the sanctions imposed after the December 1981 martial law declaration which suspended Walesa's Solidarity labour federation.

Washington will allow the Polish government airline to make limited charter flights to the U.S., but not to resume full commercial service, and

will allow Poles to fish in American waters within a quota.

But Reagan will leave in place the most important restrictions including a freeze on new credits to Poland, which already owes the West \$5 billion and suspension of Poland's most favoured nation trade status, which reduces the tariffs on Polish exports to the U.S.

The partial relaxation of the sanctions, Urban said, stemmed not from concern for the needs of the Polish people, but was "dictated to a large extent by the economic interests of American fishermen and airlines."

Final U.S. approval of the Polish flights to America, Urban said, hinged on Warsaw allowing U.S. charter flights to land in Poland. Under the fishing proposal, he said, Poland would be forced to buy fish caught by Americans and its overall catch would be reduced to half its pre-martial law level.

## Soviets retaliate on U.S. landing rights

MOSCOW (AP). — Soviet authorities refused permission for a U.S. government plane to land in Moscow to take the American ambassador to the Stockholm disarmament conference, a senior U.S. diplomat said on Friday.

"No reason was given," said the diplomat. An embassy spokesman added that, to his knowledge, there had been no refusal in the past.

Ambassador Arthur Hartman took a commercial flight to Sweden on January 13.

Last September, the governors of New York and New Jersey ordered airports in the New York City area not to allow a special Soviet plane carrying Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to land at regional airports under their states' jurisdiction, saying they feared that violent protests against the Soviet Union might endanger property.

The action was taken after the September Soviet downing of a Korean Air Lines jetliner with 269 people aboard.

## Soviets mark Lenin's death anniversary

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday marked the 60th anniversary of the death of its founder, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, with an outpouring of ritual adoration for the man *Pravda* said is "always with us — in our hearts and in our actions."

In this avowedly atheistic country, Lenin is revered with an adoring zeal approaching religious fervour. Every Soviet learns Lenin's life story in early youth and every good Communist Party member must be familiar with his writings.

This lavish adoration of Lenin pronounced by the authorities who encourage newly married couples to leave bouquets at his Red Square mausoleum and spare no opportunity to praise him was evident in memorial articles yesterday on the front pages of most national newspapers and special television and radio programmes.



Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan. Johnny Weissmuller, screen Tarzan, dies at 79

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP). — Johnny Weissmuller, the five-time Olympic swimming champion who thrilled millions as Tarzan of the jungle, died at his home, a funeral home spokesman said yesterday. He was 79. Weissmuller, who had been ill since 1977 when he suffered a series of strokes, died at his home on Friday night.

Born in Chicago on June 2, 1904, Weissmuller grew up to become the most successful swimmer of his day, winning five gold medals at the 1924 and 1928 Olympics. He set 67 world records and won 52 national championships in various events.

He turned to films in 1931, becoming the fourth actor to play Tarzan, the jungle hero created by author Edgar Rice Burroughs.

"I went to... MGM. They gave me a G-string and said: 'Can you climb a tree? Can you pick up that girl? I could do all that, and I did all my own swinging because I had been a YMCA champion on the rings,'" he once said.

Weissmuller made 18 Tarzan films, starting with *Tarzan the Ape Man* in 1931.

When producer Sol Lesser wouldn't give him a larger share of the profits, Weissmuller left the film series and made a string of *Jungle Jim* films.

## Peace council meets

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — The Soviet-backed World Peace Council began a four-day meeting in West Berlin yesterday to discuss new U.S. missiles in Western Europe and other world issues.

The council said it expected 250 participants from 80 countries.

## Jail terms for Iran army Communists

LONDON (Reuters). — An Iranian military tribunal sentenced 87 members of the military who had belonged to the now-banned Tudeh Communist party to prison sentences ranging from life to less than one year, the Iranian national news agency reported yesterday.

The agency, received in London, quoted military judge Hojatoleslam Mohammadi Reyshahri as saying six of the accused had received life sentences, while four others had been freed for committing minor offences and repenting to the tribunal.

No names were given, although those on trial had included former navy commander Bahram Afzali and several colonels, Irna said.

It quoted Reyshahri as saying the charges had included attempts to overthrow the Islamic republic, espionage, gathering and hiding weapons and violating a decree prohibiting members of the military from belonging to political parties.

The trials had opened on December 6 and Reyshahri was quoted as saying verdicts concerning 13 of the accused had not yet been decided. Those on trial had faced possible death sentences.

## Filipinos rally for elections boycott

MANILA (AP). — Breaking a government moratorium on political activity, first lady Imelda Marcos campaigned yesterday for government candidates in next May's parliamentary elections while, in another city, 15,000 people staged a march and rally calling for an election boycott.

In a nationally televised speech, Marcos attacked the Philippines opposition and businessmen who have been calling for the resignation of her husband Ferdinand, saying they were "arrogant" and were opposed to allowing the poor to own houses and lots in Manila.

In Bacolod, southeast of Manila, 15,000 people marched through the city's downtown area, chanting "boycott, boycott" en route to an "End the Marcos regime" rally.

They interrupted speeches by Senator Jose Diokno and Agapito Aquino, brother of assassinated opposition leader Benigno Aquino, with their chants. Diokno and Aquino explained to the crowd a compromise reached by various opposition groups to boycott the elections unless Marcos satisfied 10 conditions, including amnesty for all political prisoners.

## Soviet computer warns gas bill defaulters

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Citizens who fail to pay their gas bills in Soviet Byelorussia are likely to get a warning phone call from a talking computer, TASS news agency reported yesterday.

The "Phonemophone" computer, developed by a local research institute, is being used to monitor the power supply in the republic's capital Minsk and to automatically call non-payers.

"The experiment has justified itself, the number of debtors has dwindled," TASS said.

The Minsk institute plans to use its voice synthesiser computers to provide a home information network covering transport services, chemists' shops, and phone billing, it added.

Moscow University ran into a problem when it tried to use the talking computer to teach English, TASS said. The machine spoke with a Byelorussian accent.

## 6 East Germans take refuge in American embassy

EAST BERLIN (Reuters). — American officials maintained a news blackout yesterday on six East Germans who entered the U.S. Embassy to seek asylum.

The six said in a letter addressed to President Ronald Reagan that they would start a hunger strike as "our last desperate possibility to signal our will to settle in a democratic country."

They walked past the lone East German policeman stationed outside the embassy off East Berlin's Unter den Linden boulevard on Friday morning and western journalists were telephoned anonymously about the incident.

The six, aged between 19 and 43, said they could not endure the lack of freedom in East Germany but they had repeatedly been refused permission to leave legally and two

had served jail terms for trying to flee.

A U.S. spokesman confirmed that the six were still at the embassy but refused to answer further questions.

The incident paralleled the case of seven Pentecostals who took refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow in 1978 and lived there until last year, later being allowed to leave the country.

The six told Reagan in their letter: "We turn to you in trust, Mr. President, and ask you to grant us political asylum in our desperate situation." Among them were a married couple and a man, Rene Faccin, who said he was an East German national but also had an Italian passport on which he was not allowed by the East German authorities to travel.

## West German parliament to probe general's sacking

BONN (Reuters). — The West German parliament on Friday ordered an all-party inquiry into the sacking of General Guenter Kiesling after opposition charges that the affair had pitched the country and its armed forces into a crisis of confidence.

Opposition Social Democrat (SPD) security expert Hans Apel demanded the inquiry at a special one-hour Bundestag (lower house) debate.

He argued that Defence Minister Manfred Woerner had chased the 58-year-old general "like a dog" from his post as a deputy to NATO's supreme commander in Europe. Woerner insisted he was duty-bound to sack Kiesling, one of West Germany's top generals.

The ruling Christian Democratic (CDU) Party accused the SPD of prejudging Woerner but agreed to the convening of a special parliamentary committee next Thursday. The committee will have full powers to call witnesses and demand documents.

Kiesling was fired last month on

suspicion of compromising security by frequenting bars used by homosexuals and criminal elements. He has sworn under oath he is not a homosexual.

Hans Apel, who was SPD defence minister for four years until October 1982, demanded that Woerner release all documents. "Only in this way can our country, and its armed forces get out of this deep crisis of confidence," he said.

Woerner said this week that Military Intelligence agents and police had four witnesses who had identified Kiesling in homosexual bars in Cologne and West Berlin. Their names have not been revealed.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has played no role in inter-party squabbling over the Kiesling affair, was quoted by a government spokesman on Friday as saying he wanted the public to be fully informed about the circumstances of the sacking. Last night he rejected an SPD request for Woerner's dismissal.

## Moscow in marine mineral mining bid

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The Soviet Union, in a letter made public here on Friday, has put in a bid to be recognized as a pioneer investor in seabed mining under the 1982 UN Law of the Sea Treaty, which would entitle the Soviets to a first crack at prospecting for minerals on the ocean floor.

The ocean bottom in some places is studded with nodules containing manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt, iron and molybdenum in quantities worth harvesting. The UN treaty provides for such mining to be shared between an international enterprise and government or private corporations.

A Soviet enterprise, the Southern Production Association for Marine Geological Operations, seeks registration as a pioneer investor in an application relating to an area of 300,000 square kilometres of seabed, "having sufficient estimated commercial value to allow two mining operations," the Russians have said. They also seek to exchange coordinates of the Russian area with those of other countries to avoid possible conflicts, or overlaps.

The Soviet Union is the only one of several potential seabed mining nations known to have filed for recognition as a pioneer investor.

## Kashmir head: India plots his death

NEW DELHI (AP). — The top elected official of Kashmir accused Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's governing Congress Party of hatching a conspiracy to kill him "with the sole motive of gaining power" in the region, the United News of India reported. The allegation has been denied as "baseless."

Farooq Abdullah, 47, said he was assaulted by Congress Party "goons" last Sunday at Calcutta airport while returning to Kashmir after attending a conference of Indian opposition parties, UNI reported.

Congress Party demonstrators allegedly tore Abdullah's shirt and

spat on his face before police intervened and rescued him.

The Communist-led government of West Bengal State later arrested three leaders of Gandhi's party on assault charges. The detentions triggered widespread violence and arson in Calcutta, the state capital, where two Congress Party activists were reported shot dead by police.

Kashmir has been shaken by a violent agitation demanding the ouster of Abdullah's government. The Congress Party, spearheading the protest, says Abdullah's ruling National Conference Party rigged the June 1983 state election.

## No major progress seen on East-West relations

STOCKHOLM (AP). — Officials from both the East and West agree on one thing after the first week of the European Disarmament Conference here: No major thaw has occurred in East-West relations.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko used the forum on Wednesday to claim that the main threat to world peace is "the aggressive foreign policy of the U.S."

And U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said in Washington on Thursday that he had "nothing positive to report" in the way of progress on stalled negotiations on nuclear weapons reduction in Europe.

With the exception of Albania, all of the nations of Europe and the U.S. and Canada are represented at the conference, where the top goal is establishment of new confidence-building measures to lessen the chances of war.

The only ray of light to emerge so far from the conference was a hint from Gromyko to several NATO ministers that he would be prepared to see an early resumption of the Vienna talks on reducing conventional forces in Central Europe.

At the December 15 recess of the talks, the Soviets refused to set a new date for resumption of the discussions.

The Soviets abandoned medium-range missile talks on November 23 after NATO began deploying new American missiles in Western Europe. Moscow later refused to set a date for resuming the long-range missile talks.

Gromyko made clear during his conference speech that the Soviet Union has no intention of returning to the medium-range missile talks until the NATO deployments are reversed.

The Soviet press claimed on Friday that conference delegates showed support for the Soviet position and increased dissatisfaction with that of the U.S.

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## Grassroots activist

IF THEY don't know her from the used clothes and blankets collections she organized to benefit large families, or the centres for old people and women she helped to establish, then they have contributed money during the community fundraising programmes she has run, or they sat with her on the parents' committee of the local school.

Most people living in the Mevaseret or Maoz Zion (also called Castel) neighbourhoods outside Jerusalem have at one time or another heard of Rahel Tirosh. If not, they will soon be hearing of the midwife-turned-welfare crusader who recently took her seat on their local council.

Now with the power of membership on the Mevaseret-Maoz Zion council behind her, the petite 37-year-old Tirosh is going to continue to do what she has done since she moved to the area four years ago: "To work to bridge the gap between the veteran (Moroccan and Kurdish) residents of Maoz Zion and their wealthier and more educated new neighbours in Mevaseret. And," she adds, "to help all the people who need me, whether they are women, elderly people, disadvantaged families or released prisoners."

Tirosh's desire to help others is genuine and her ability to do so is well proven. That is why, when people who served with her on the parents' committee at her children's school decided something had to be done to improve their educational system, and they formed a "list" to compete in the last municipal elections, Tirosh was nominated as their representative. The new non-partisan Mevaseret-Maoz Zion list, called Shiluv, won two out of nine seats on the local council in the elections and Tirosh was in: the only woman to serve on the council since its inception 20 years ago. (Tirosh was Number Two on the Shiluv list after fellow parents' committee member, Arik Tzukek.)

Twenty years ago, Tirosh immigrated to Israel from Fez, Morocco, and married a man who also grew up in that city. Tirosh had spent five years studying nursing and midwifery in France under the guidance of nuns, who, she says permanently and deeply instilled in her "the desire to do good and to give without getting in return." Once in Israel, after working as a midwife, she decided to stay home while raising her six children.

"I figured if I had to stay at home, the least I could do was try to help other women who wanted to work," Tirosh recalls. "So I helped to establish a day-care centre in Jerusalem which eventually expanded to care for 45 children and included a staff of five." She ran the centre — getting more involved as her own children grew up — for 10 years, during which time she came into her first contact with children from broken homes, an experience which has had a deep effect on her life and her family ever since.

"The Ministry of Social Affairs, as it was called at the time, pleaded with us to take in these unfortunate children. After I had tired of running the day-care centre, the ministry convinced me to take two such children into my own home," says Tirosh. Several years later, their father took the two from her home and she never saw them again. Subsequently, the Tirosh's took in a little girl from another broken family.

"Dalia is today 6½ years old and a true member of the family. In fact, we are now in the process of formally adopting her — we all adore her," says Tirosh.

Improving day-care facilities and medical and social services for children in her community is one of Tirosh's main goals as the local council member in charge of what she defines as "matters concerning the public welfare."

"I feel now that I must look into the problems of all members of the local population. I sense an undeniable tension between the older and newer residents of the Maoz Zion and Mevaseret neighbourhoods, and I want to

improve the ties between them," explains Tirosh, who moved into the newer area of Mevaseret in 1979. "When I first arrived here, I decided I didn't want to remain shut up in my own home. I wanted to get to know the people living in Maoz Zion and to work to get people in the two neighbourhoods closer to each other."

Tirosh — characteristically — jumped in with two feet, organizing a centre for women, which features social activities and clubs, and provides a place to meet with a friendly and supportive atmosphere. "The problems of women — particularly those who have large families and live in difficult conditions — is a subject very dear to my heart," she says. "This past summer, we organized a programme whereby mothers of large families went away for a vacation. In the future, I want to work with WIZO to improve things for women, to open their horizons."

On a larger scale, Tirosh has organized annual bazaars, at which clothes she has bought in quantity from area factories are sold; a Passover food campaign (Tirosh arranged to get discounts on Tuva products for local people and supervised the sales and distribution of the food); a used clothing and blankets drive; to help disadvantaged families during the winter months; and a fund-raising function to pay for the maintenance costs of the two local mikvot (ritual baths).

"I am now trying to arrange for elderly people in Mevaseret and Maoz Zion to receive kerosene for their heaters this winter," says Tirosh. "There is so much to do — keep the children off the streets and involved in activities after school, help one-parent families and the families of prisoners who are being released."

Support — both moral and financial — for Tirosh's plans is forthcoming from local council head Tzadok Ben-Yitzhak, whom she describes as "very cooperative."

Thus far, Tirosh's efforts have generally paid off: "I feel that the community believes in and appreciates me, and I feel that I belong to them," she says. "The public is really great — there are many who want to help. You just have to get them out and tell them what to do."

Tirosh stresses that if her husband, a construction engineer, or her children had "suffered" from her community commitments in the years since they moved to Mevaseret, she wouldn't have become so involved.

"But they are very supportive and as delighted with my new role as I am," she says. "I am very happy to serve on the Mevaseret-Maoz Zion council, but as someone who is not affiliated to any established party, I find it very difficult to deal with all the dirty games of politics and remain untouched by them."

"I want to further things that are close to my heart but (in this atmosphere) it is a war of survival. As one woman in a group of men, I have to be tough, to use my elbows. Yet I am not one to do this — I use my mouth instead; they are my 'elbows.' I simply try to convince people. They know that if I believe deeply in something and want to accomplish it, I won't rest until I do."

## Educational commitment

ANN SWERSKY came in on the ground floor of Ramat Hasharon politics five years ago and has already made her mark. To those who knew her, years ago, as a leader in Betar and as a Zionist and political activist in South Africa, this comes as no surprise. For it was just a matter of time until 42-year-old Swersky — who decided not to become involved in the Herut party after she came on aliyah in 1965 — stepped into the political arena.

Narrowly missing appointment to the Ramat Hasharon local council in the recent elections, Swersky is continuing her involvement in the council's educational committee, on which she has served since 1978. In a town that spends half its budget

## Women and local politics

Women represent under 10 per cent of members of local councils. AMY LEVINSON talks to two women active in different ways in their localities, while (right), LIORA MORIELL discovers a male ghetto in Beersheba.

FOLLOWING the municipal elections last fall, 99 women took their seats as members of local councils — less than 10 per cent of all the country's council members.

Of the women elected to these councils, which together have some 1,100 members, 57 are affiliated to the Alignment, 22 to Independent lists, 13 to the Likud, five to Shinui, one to Tami and one to the National Religious Party. Two-thirds of the women on the councils are serving as members for the first time; there are two or more women represented on the councils of 24 cities and towns.

"If women candidates from the various parties were, let's say fifth or sixth on the list during the elections five years ago, then this time, many of them were higher up — in the Number Two or Three spot," said Rina Dotan, head of the Labour Party's Division of Women. "The women who were elected, I might add, work in a wide range of professions — as lawyers, doctors, educators, university professors and so on. And there is a much larger number of women council members of Oriental background this time than after past elections."

Why is there such a large majority

of Alignment-affiliated women council members?

Unlike other parties, according to Dotan, the Labour Party has an official National women's division, and women are represented in each of the party's branches, she said. "This way the motivation to take women into consideration is truly local. There is an awareness within the party of the need to represent women. Furthermore, we have a rule that guarantees representation of certain groups on party lists, in party delegations — 20 per cent of the people on such lists must be women."



Women comprise 50 per cent of the electorate — and less than 10 per cent of the elected.

on education, this is perhaps the most important of the council's advisory committees.

"This committee is definitely one of the most active. And I have found that if you get involved and you know what you want, you can really move things," says Swersky. "Like the other committees, ours is chaired by a member of the local council, but the rest of its members — there are 15, the same as the number of local council members — are people professionally involved in education or who, like myself, represent the broader interests of the public."

Swersky is affiliated with the Ramat Hasharon Local List (*Resh Shin*), a non-profit organization with no ties to any political party. As in the '73 elections, the Labour party won the majority of local council seats this past October; *Resh Shin* holds four on the council and in each of its committees. If one of the *Resh Shin* council members should step down in the next five years, Swersky will step in.

Meanwhile, Swersky, a gemologist by profession, and married with four children, gives some 15 hours a week — sometimes more — to improving the quality of education both within the formal framework of Ramat Hasharon's school system, and in the informal, non-curricular programmes offered on the community level.

"As a result of my initiative, a centre for computer education was established at one of our three junior high schools. Our education committee brought the proposal for the centre before the local council's education department earlier this year," Swersky explains. "The centre is supervised by the department and opened this school year. It provides computer education to junior and senior high students as part of their curriculum and — after school — for children and adults who participate in informal courses."

"The next step I feel is necessary, is establishing a 'roof' body that will expand this facility into a larger communications centre. Such a centre could provide a computer data bank, cable television and other services to Ramat Hasharon residents. My hope is that this centre will be located at the new community centre in Morasha," the Project Renewal neighbourhood which comprises 40 per cent of the township.

Swersky's involvement in the last four years on the transfers and zoning sub-committees of the education committee has brought her into close contact with school administrators and educators. This contact, together with her habit of reading literature on educational theory and teaching — and on computers — has contributed to her knowledge and effectiveness in committee activities.

"As a result of my involvement, I was appointed a member of the executive board of the local community centre," says Swersky. "The board decides what will be the emphasis of the centre's activities in the coming year — culture or sport, education of the young or the elderly and so on. I am also a volunteer with the Civil Guard — which has helped my 'visibility' in the community — and am a member of the executive board of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel."

When asked if getting involved in local politics through committee work is a good way for women to enter the political scene, Swersky hesitates. "Ramat Hasharon isn't typical. Here it's easy for men or women to get involved because they can go through the non-political *Resh Shin* list. There are other women besides me who are currently active in *Resh Shin* — one is on the local council."

"Working on the municipal level doesn't automatically mean you'll go on to the national level, though it does help you to make yourself known. However, to get into national politics, a person must usually be affiliated with one of the major political parties."

Swersky does not at present see herself joining one of these parties. Meanwhile, she is pleased with the fact that in her present capacity on the education committee of the local council, she can "really make

an impact on things, and affect what goes on in Ramat Hasharon on a day-to-day basis."

"I will continue to be active on the *Resh Shin* list and work toward strengthening it so it can put up a good fight in the next elections. I hope to receive a higher place on the list and," she smiles, "if the opportunity ever arises, I wouldn't be opposed to running for mayor."

One thing has become clear to Swersky about entering politics in Israel, she says in conclusion: "No one will offer to help you, or invite you to become involved. You have to do things yourself."

## Beersheba: a male bastion

DURING THE 35-year history of the modern city of Beersheba, there have only been two women on its city council. The last one was elected in 1969.

"I think it's a crying shame that there are no women on the council," says Hilda Azencot, chairwoman of the city's Labour Women. "As soon as I saw that there was no woman in a realistic place on the ballot (in the last elections), I told Labour Party Chairman MK Shimon Peres during a rally for candidate MK Uri Sabag that the women of the party will not work (for the party) during the election."

The *haverot* (women members) are no less electable than men. When no woman was placed on the list in a good position — the first was in 13th place — we all boycotted the elections.

That boycott of the Labour Party in Beersheba may have cost Sabag the mayoralty. In the second round, he lost to veteran (20 years) Mayor Eliahu Navi by only a little.

Before the election campaign, the Labour party was split up to the very last moment by two groups pulling in different directions. One half wanted to back Independent Navi in a loose arrangement reminiscent of the Alignment's backing of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek. The other half wanted Sabag to lead. Sabag's faction finally won, by 10 votes (over 200 were cast).

"Amidst all this crazy manipulation, the *haverot* were not consulted at all and when all the internal wars were over, we found ourselves out of the running," Azencot recalls. Sarah Batz, who was the first woman ever elected to the municipal council (1959) but no longer a resident of Beersheba, also expresses her disbelief at the lack of representation of women.

This is not simply a regression, it's a scandal," she states emphatically. "The very fact that a city the size of Beersheba, with over 120,000 people, has no women on the council, when the city's women constitute the highest percentage of working women in the country, is startling. I'm simply flabbergasted."

She adds that she was astounded that no women were in realistic positions on the electoral lists, even though they are active in politics.

Navi had a woman in eighth place on his list. In the previous election, he had nine councillors (all men, because the first woman on the list was in 10th place); after the recent election, he has six.

"Because of the conflict-of-interest clause, many women cannot run for public office," explains Navi, who was a judge before he became mayor. "Most women hold positions in education, social work and so on which require them to resign if and when elected to the council."

"I think more women should be allowed to join the council but this is not possible within the existing parties. I don't know any woman who would want to waste three or four evenings a week sitting in the party office, no matter what the party."

Batz disagrees. "It's true that in politics one has to work night and day. This is difficult for women of child-bearing age. But there are many capable women who are in their prime of power when their children are all in school. Where are they? Simple: Men don't let them get anywhere."

A teacher and lecturer who, eight

years ago, established her own publishing company, Batz has very definite views on why women in Beersheba don't get to the top.

"Many men in the Oriental community here — and they are the majority — feel that a woman's place is in the home. Navi himself is like that. I saw this every day. In my time, it was necessary to fight tooth and nail — they simply didn't let you get in. Everything was done with shouting, with knives. It was very difficult to put up with it."

"Men here don't give you space. They are not polite and they are no gentlemen. Politics here is muscles and it's difficult for women to fight."

Batz herself was nearly mayor of Beersheba 22 years ago, when the city's first mayor, David Tuvigahu, resigned.

"Everyone so hated each other that I was a realistic compromise," she says. But at the time, she preferred to expand her family and did not feel it becoming to be a very visibly pregnant mayor — even for the interim.

Navi did not concede, in a conversation we had in his office, that an all-male council of 21 is detrimental to women's interests.

"If there were a woman mayor and women on the city council, they could not do what the law does not allow them to do and for which there is no budget," he explains, referring specifically to the problem of battered women. The municipality has consistently refused to build a shelter in Beersheba.

"I will not do anything which I don't have to do and for which I have no money. If the government would turn over state funds for the establishment of a shelter for battered women, an intensive care ambulance, a drug rehabilitation centre and so on, I would gladly do it, and more."

Navi says that Beersheba is the leader in day-care centres in the country for three and four year-olds. But he concedes that the reason for establishing the centres is not so much to free women as to "decrease the cultural gap between the various strata in the population."

Both Batz and Azencot question Navi's premises.

"Women talk more to the point," says Batz. "I always vote according to the issue, rather than strictly along party lines. For example, all the school kitchens are now closed, and I don't think women on the council would have allowed this to happen. There must at least be a woman influencing decisions in education. And I don't think money is dirty, either."

Both she and Azencot agree that politics is not dirty, either. It is simply the tool of democracy. "Politics is healthy and clean — although some people sully it," says Azencot.

"I think it's sheer hypocrisy to say that politics is dirty," Batz agrees. "Without politics we cannot achieve anything in the public sphere."

She suggests that high school girls be given lessons in political power struggle so that they will be prepared to fight for it later. Meanwhile there are no women on the municipal council — the 16th one, Tova Baratz, was elected in 1969 for one term. There are women on the councils of development towns throughout the Negev, but the capital of the desert itself is deserted, a bastion of males.

"I kept my word and did absolutely nothing to help the party be elected," says Azencot in conclusion. "For once, we decided something and did it. If the *haverot* had come out in force the way they have always done, perhaps everything would have come out differently."

Next week in Today: Women's committees on the local councils.

We regret that in the Life and Health section appeared Wednesday, the name of Naomi Daudat, author of "The Martyr," was spelled incorrectly.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehon.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## TELEVISION

**EDUCATIONAL:**  
8.15 School Broadcasts 15.00  
Archeology 16.00 Just William 16.25  
Sommers Street 17.00 A New Evening  
live magazine  
**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:**  
17.30 Little House on the Prairie: The  
Reincarnation of Nellie (part 1)  
18.20 Short Film  
**ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:**  
18.30 News roundup  
18.35 Kids' Club  
19.00 Weekly News Magazine  
**HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at**  
20.00 with a news roundup  
20.02 Programme Trailer  
20.15 Love Boat: The Secret Life of Burt  
Smith (part 2)  
21.00 Mahat Newsreel and Overseas  
Sports Review  
21.40 Prisoners of Conscience — Nelson  
Mandela  
22.30 Chains — a couple and their friends  
all in their forties try to revive their earlier  
years. Starring Michael Elphick and  
Geraldine James  
23.25 News  
**JORDAN TV (unofficial):**  
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30  
UTV 31 Nature Film 19.00 News in French  
19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in  
Arabic 20.30 World in Action 21.15  
Beisler: 22.00 News in English 22.15  
Jane Eyre  
**MIDDLE EAST TV (in North only):**  
13.00 Good News 13.30 Weather  
Hospital 14.00 Tonight 14.30 700 Club  
15.00 Entertainment Movie 16.30 Spiderman  
17.00 Popeye 17.30 Flying Horse 18.00  
Laredo 19.00 Cultural 20.00 Theatre  
Showcase 21.10 News in Review 21.30  
Evening Cinema 22.34 700 Club

## ON THE AIR

**Voice of Music**  
6.02 Musical Clock  
7.07 Practitioner: Dance Suite: Telemann  
Sonata for Oboe, Cello and Continuo;  
Haydn: String Trio in G major; Chopin:  
Berceuse; Grieg: Rhapsody in Blue;  
Rachmaninoff: Suite No. 1, for Two  
Pianos, (Grieg and Seher Pakinell);  
Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music  
(London Philharmonic, B.111)  
Wolfgang: Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 22  
(Perlema, Paris, Baranowski); Turina:  
Sonata for Cello and Harp (Natan Stutz,  
Pearl Cherkov); D. Scarlatti: 6 Sonatas  
(Claudio Arrau); Bach: Cantata No. 209  
(Elli Ameling); Spohr: Violin Concerto  
(Pierre Amoyal, Marielle Nordman);  
Dvorak: String Quartet, Op. 61 (Bagrioli);  
Maurice: Concerto for 2 Pianos; Poulenc:  
Piano Pieces (Rubinstein)  
11.58 Abraham Melamed, violin; Rina  
Nudelmann, piano — Handel: Sonata No. 4;  
Brahms: Sonata; Brahms: Sonata  
Movement; Yehudi Menuhin: String  
Landscapes (Sally Pinkas, piano)  
13.05 Rossini: Respighi: Canzon:  
Grieg: Over the Hills; Koechlin:  
Pastorale; Bach: Excerpt from Cantata  
No. 15 (Friedrich-Denkank: Viennese Cello)  
18.25 Villa-Lobos: Sextet; Rossi and  
Monteverdi: 2 Biblical Songs; Arne:  
Sonatina (Rampall); Bellini: Aria: Arthur  
Gibelin; 4 Movements for String  
Orchestra; Spohr: Violin Concerto  
(Perlema); Bizet: Aria from Carmen  
(Lorenz Berganza)  
18.50 The History of Music  
19.30 Youth: Cantata No. 80; Schumann:  
10.30 Youth: Cantata No. 80; Schumann:

Missa Sacra  
18.00 Portrait and Autobiography  
19.05 Jazz  
20.00 The Liturgy for the Sunday before  
Christmas of the Syrian Orthodox Church  
20.30 Gila Yaron, soprano; Yair Klees,  
violin; Ruth Menze, piano — Handel: 2  
Arias; Handel: 2 Arias of Cleopatra's from  
Julius Caesar; Tartin: Sonata for Violin  
Solo; Dallapiccola: Tartiniana, No. 2;  
Mahler: 4 Songs from Des Knaben  
Wunderhorn; Prokofiev: 3 Pieces for  
Violin and Piano from Romeo and Juliet;  
Mozart: 2 Arias  
23.00 Music for the Night  
00.10 Famous Artists in Historical  
Recordings  
**First Programme**  
6.03 Programmes for Olim  
7.30 Light Classical Music  
9.30 Encounter  
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew  
11.00 School Broadcasts  
11.30 Education for all  
12.05 Sephardi songs  
13.00 News in English  
13.30 News in French  
14.05 Children's programmes  
15.25 World of Science (repeat)  
15.53 News on a New Book  
16.05 Free Period — live education  
magazine  
17.30 Everyman's University  
18.05 Afternoon Classics  
18.47 Bible Reading  
19.05 Levens in Tania by Rabbi Adin  
Steinmetz  
19.30 Programmes for Olim  
22.05 First Person (repeat)  
23.05 Child and Family Magazine  
**Second Programme**  
7.00 This Morning — news magazine  
8.05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli  
10.10 All Shades of the Network

12.05 Open Line — news and music  
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music  
14.10 Matters of Interest  
16.10 Safe Journey  
17.10 Economics Magazine  
17.30 Of Men and Figures  
18.05 The State of Israel — situation  
18.45 Today in Sport  
19.05 Today — radio newsreel  
20.00 Sports Magazine  
22.05 Cantorial Requests  
23.05 Light music for wind ensembles  
23.05 Third Bell — arts magazine  
**Army**  
6.06 Morning Sounds  
6.30 University on the Air  
7.07 On Drivers and Traffic — traffic  
reports, music  
8.05 Morning Newsreel  
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Resher  
11.05 Israeli Winter — Eli Yisraeli  
13.05 What's Wrong — with Erez Tal  
16.05 Four in the Afternoon  
18.05 Evening Newsreel  
18.05 Sports Magazine  
19.05 Music Today — music magazine  
20.05 Hits — Old and New  
21.00 Mahat — TV Newsreel  
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)  
22.05 Popular songs  
23.05 On Writers and Readers (repeat)  
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat  
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20.00-20.15 News Magazine  
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## CINEMAS

**JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9**  
Eden: Pannell 4, 6, 45, 9; Edna: Sahara:  
Habrabi: Over the Brooklyn Bridge 4,  
6, 45, 9; Kfir: Who Will Love My  
Children? 4, 6, 45, 9; Love You Carmen  
7, 9; Orion: Brubaker 4, 6, 45, 9; Orion:  
Sudden Impact 4, 6, 45, 9; Orion: Vol. 4, 7,  
9, 15; Sennar: My Favourite Year 7, 9;  
Binyamin Ha'ana: To Begin Again 7, 9;  
Cinema One: 48 Hours 7; When a Stranger  
Calls 9; Cinemascope: La Gueule de  
l'autre 9, 30  
**TEL AVIV 4, 7, 9, 15, 30**  
Albany: Things are Tough All Over: Ben-  
Yehuda: Over the Brooklyn Bridge: Cinema  
1: Sudden Impact 4, 7, 10, 15, 30; Cinema 2:  
Experience Preferred But Not Essential  
4, 7, 9, 15, 30; Cinema 3: Trading Places  
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15, 30; Cinema 5: Coolidge's Daughter 10, 30,  
1, 30; Cinema 6: Officer and Gentleman 4, 7, 9,  
15, 30; Coming Home 10, 30, 1, 30; Cinema  
One: Dirty, Dirty 4, 7, 9, 15, 30; Cinema  
Coup de Foudre: Dekel: Star Chamber  
7, 15, 30; Drive-In: Doctor No, 7, 15;  
Thunder 9, 30; Sex Film, midnight: Eastern  
Pavilion 4, 6, 45, 9, 30; Gati: Love You  
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Hed: Sahara: Les 11 Minutes of Life 1, 30,  
4, 7, 9, 15, 30; Levi: Return of Martin  
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bar: Mograbi: Under Fire: Orly: Behind a  
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Beth: Over the Brooklyn Bridge, Shavit:  
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## WALL STREET WEEK

### Interest rates high as inflation at 4%

NEW YORK (AP). — High interest rates are proving to be a problem that won't go away for the stock market.

Even with recent evidence that the pace of economic expansion has slowed, interest rates have remained at lofty levels in comparison with the inflation rate. With inflation running at less than 4 per cent, yields on one-year treasury bills remain above 9 per cent. Many Wall Street analysts, meanwhile, are doubtful that either President Ronald Reagan or chairman Paul Volcker of the Federal Reserve Board is eager right now to attempt any dramatic measures that might result in a significant drop in rates.

Robert Ulin, chief economist at the Bank of New York, sees "little prospect of easing interest rates early this year."

At the brokerage firm of First Albany Corporation, analyst Hugh Johnson says: "We expect interest rates, over the next few weeks will improve, but believe they will do so quite gradually."

Though the economy may well grow more slowly in 1984 than it did in 1983, many analysts believe significant upward pressure on in-

terest rates will persist — especially with the Federal government still borrowing heavily to cover its budget deficit.

At their recent levels, rates on top-grade bonds put their yields 7.30 percentage points above the dividend return offered by the typical industrial stock, according to *Barron's Magazine*.

A year ago, this "yield spread" — which is closely watched by analysts seeking to measure the competitive appeal of stocks versus bonds — stood at 6.23 percentage points.

In the face of such concerns, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 10.99 points to 1,259.11 in the past week, after falling 16.34 the week before.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index dropped .54 to 96.12, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index was down .17 at 226.71.

Big board volume averaged 97.45 million shares a day, against 103.31 million in the previous week.

The best showing the credit markets have managed lately came on January 13, when rates tumbled after the government reported only a 0.1 per cent rise in retail sales for December.

### Japan expects 4.1% economic growth

TOKYO (Reuters). — The Japanese government expects the nation's economic growth to accelerate this year and another huge trade surplus of about \$34 billion, a spokesman said Friday.

The forecasts were revealed after the cabinet met to discuss the national budget for the financial year beginning in April.

The meeting started a week of wrangling among ministers over their share of government spending, which the Finance Ministry wants virtually frozen because of the country's high debts.

The spokesman said the meeting was told that government economists believed the economy would grow 4.1 per cent during the coming year, against an estimated 3.4 per cent in the current period. The higher growth was expected

to come largely from a boost in consumer spending, that would end a recent reliance on exports for better business activity.

But sales abroad were likely to result in a trade surplus of \$34b., or about the same as this year, the spokesman said.

Although Japan would import more manufactured goods — as demanded by major trading partners like the U.S. and Europe — lower oil prices would help industry, and exports would rise about 5.4 per cent because of high demand in countries emerging from recession, he added.

The government also predicted that the inflation rate, now one of the lowest in the industrial world at about two per cent, would rise slightly to 2.8 per cent.

### Oman widens search for copper deposits

MUSCAT (Reuters). — Oman, spurred on by the success of its Sohar copper mining project, is widening a search for exploitable copper deposits. "Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Said Ahmad Al-Shanfari said yesterday.

He said there were about 200

areas in the sultanate containing copper deposits. Over 3,000 tons of refined copper have been exported since October from the \$205 million Sohar mining and refinery complex, which came on stream last year. Most of the exports have gone to Britain and Holland.



The Education Ministry has recognized the pocket calculator as an official learning aid in arithmetic. The Chaim Weizmann elementary school is the first in the country to introduce calculators in the classroom. Teacher Dalia Tagari (standing) instructs her pupils at Weizmann on how to use the calculators.

### 'Round-trip' bottles seen for Maccabee beer

By MARTHA MEISELS and YITZHAK OKED  
Post Consumer Reporters

TEL-AVIV. — Locally-brewed Maccabee beer is likely to appear in economical returnable bottles by April 1, the National Breweries has informed *The Jerusalem Post*. Samuel ("Bondi") Dror, its managing director, said he welcomed the prompt positive response of the Super-Sol chain to his public offer last week to put Maccabee in a round-trip bottle at a 30 per cent reduction in consumer price, if chain stores would handle bottle returns.

Dror had made the offer during a press conference last week at which the Manufacturers' Association accused chain stores of keeping prices high by insisting on long-term credit and by their reluctance to bother with returnable containers. The breweries received a similar positive response to its public challenge from the smaller Z'vulun Co-op Chain, which serves the suburban area north of Haifa.

Maccabee beer will continue in its current throwaway glass bottle, alongside the proposed returnables. Dror added there is a strong possibility of a larger-sized Maccabee container as well. Goldstar beer and the cheaper Nesher and Malt beers have traditionally come in returnable bottles.

Super-Sol also immediately challenged Elite to make good the statement by Elite's co-managing director David Mosevics, who addressed the press conference on behalf of food manufacturers and said a shortening of credit terms could bring down prices dramatically. Super-Sol has offered 30 days shorter credit time in exchange for a 10 per cent lowering of prices on Elite products. So far, Elite has not given Super-Sol an answer, and *The Post* has been unable to reach Mosevics for comment. Mosevics is due to leave today for abroad, and Elite said no reply would be given before his return in about a fortnight.

Benny Gaon general manager of Co-op Tel Aviv-Dan Hasharon, the country's largest food chain, yesterday declined to make any similar public challenges to manufacturers. "I don't see this as a public issue to be debated via the media, but a purely commercial issue to be negotiated between manufacturers and the chains," Gaon told *The Post*.

He said that over 50 per cent of the food products at his chain have a credit period of less than 30 days, including all subsidized and price-controlled items, and said the longest credit period of any foods at Co-op was 70 days. He noted that Elite had recently lowered credit

time on instant coffee to 30 days — but had not accompanied this with any lowering of price.

He said it was up to the manufacturers whether shorter credit terms would result in lower consumer prices, since it is the manufacturers who set the recommended retail prices.

The manager of the Vegetable Marketing Board, Simha Ofer, informed *The Post* that the Board would continue to publish recommended vegetable retail prices, as it has been doing lately on the Kolbotek television programme. He said the publication has had a positive influence in reducing consumer prices on the vegetables cited.

The current high price of avocados, about 15130 per kilo retail, is expected to drop slightly soon, it is learned. The high price has been attributed to a temporary seasonal stoppage in picking of this fruit.

### Pennzoil seeks to block Texaco-Getty deal

HOUSTON (Reuters). — Pennzoil said yesterday it had filed suit in Federal District Court against Texaco and Getty Oil, alleging that Getty would violate U.S. antitrust laws.

The \$10 billion acquisition, which would be the largest in U.S. corporate history, would make Texaco the world's second-largest oil company, after Exxon.

Pennzoil earlier sought to buy a major stake in Getty Oil along with Gordon Getty, who controls about 40 per cent of Getty oil shares.

Pennzoil said its suit, filed in Tulsa, Oklahoma, claimed that Texaco's acquisition of Getty Oil "would touch off a wave of large mergers and acquisitions in the oil industry." It also said the deal would "further concentrate economic power in the hands of a small number of giant oil companies."

Pennzoil charged that the merger would substantially reduce competition in exploration activities, particularly in offshore areas, and in the refining and marketing of petroleum.

The legal move by Pennzoil, the 32nd largest U.S. oil and natural gas company, marked the second time it has gone to court in an effort to stop the Getty-Texaco deal. It filed its earlier suit last week in Delaware state courts.

### McDonald's must pay \$52m. to ice cream co.

CHICAGO (Reuters). — An Illinois jury on Friday ordered McDonald's to pay \$52 million to an ice cream maker who claimed that the worldwide hamburger chain reneged on an oral agreement to sell his "triple ripple" ice cream cone.

Lawyers for McDonald's said they would appeal against the award made to the Central Ice Cream Company of Chicago by Cook County Circuit Court.

Central Ice Cream's president, Tom Cummings, said McDonald's founder, the late Ray Kroc, made a "handshake" agreement with him in the early 1970s to market the three-flavour cone.

**Friday's solutions**

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### Recession leaves Monaco practically unscathed

MONTE CARLO (Reuters). — Economists looking for signs of the world recession would be ill-advised to go to the Mediterranean principality of Monaco.

In the middle of a mild winter, which locals refer to as "the dead season," it is still difficult to park a car on the hilly streets of Monaco, where luxury limousines and sports coupes vie for spaces.

Inside the casinos, business is brisk at the roulette tables, where croupiers rake in the stakes amid the clinking of one-arm bandits.

The prosperity of this tiny land of 27,000 people, which spreads over 1.9 square kilometres, is reflected in last year's tourist figures.

Judging by the 215,000 hotel bookings, the total number of tourists who stayed at least one night in Monaco increased by 13.3 per cent last year, tourism promotion officer Leon Rochetin said.

The only hint of the recession is indicated by figures showing that people stayed for slightly shorter periods.

Rochetin said this tendency is also marked in France, and seems to be the only tangible sign in Monaco of the economic troubles

that have hit most European countries hard.

Overall, he said: "Tourism has been evolving in an extremely favourable way for Monaco over the past year."

He identified the two main factors behind this growth as the mushrooming of conferences and the extension of sports and cultural activities beyond the summer months.

Conferences, seminars and incentive trips for business executives now represent 30 per cent of overnight stays and are the fastest growing area.

Most of these activities take place in winter and have been largely responsible for an increase in the already high average hotel occupancy rate. This was running at 74.6 per cent for the first 10 months of 1983, compared with 70.7 for the same period in 1982.

Monaco is a Mecca for tourists from all over the world, but the lion's share, 30 per cent, come from neighbouring France.

Americans come second, with 18.6 per cent of the total, followed by Italians with 15.6 per cent and the British Isles with 12.3 per cent.

### Moda'i says he shares economic guilt

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has said that he is indirectly responsible for the country's economic woes.

Speaking at the Maritime and Economic Club on Friday, Moda'i said: "I do not deny my responsibility for the state of the economy. I am indeed more guilty because I knew it was going to happen and I am therefore indirectly responsible."

Outlining his prescription for recovery, Moda'i said the government must present a comprehensive economic policy and carry it out immediately with all components implemented simultaneously.

Thereafter, government should relax on further economic measures.

Economic burdens must be imposed progressively, so that social justice not be undermined, Moda'i said. If these measures are applied, he believed that the economy would recover as it was basically strong.

### Swiss currency dealers convicted

ZURICH (Reuters). — A Zurich court convicted 12 foreign exchange dealers on Friday of embezzling some \$4 million through manipulating rates.

A 46-year-old senior dealer at Credit Suisse, Switzerland's third largest bank, was jailed for three years. Two of his colleagues and nine dealers at smaller Swiss banks were given suspended sentences between three and 18 months.

They were found guilty of running a ring which channelled illicit profits from foreign exchange deals into their own secret accounts.

For six years they traded at levels slightly different from prevailing market rates, with the difference ending up credited to the secret accounts.

One defendant was acquitted. The affair came to light in 1981 when Credit Suisse opened lawsuits against its three dealers involved.

The presiding judge censured Credit Suisse for making inadequate checks.

Apart from a West German given an 18-month suspended sentence, the convicted dealers were all Swiss.

The judge acknowledged that Swiss banks usually allowed their foreign exchange dealers to speculate on their own account, but said: "Private speculation is one thing, while business done at manipulated rates is something quite different."

Credit Suisse was at the centre of Switzerland's largest bank scandal in 1977, when it discovered it had lost about \$540 million through illicit operations by the head of its Chiasso branch.

### Minister confirms Saudi Arabia's stockpile move

CARACAS (Reuters). — Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Jose Ignacio Moreno Leon confirmed reports that Saudi Arabia has an emergency stockpile of 50 million barrels of oil amassed against possible developments in the Gulf war.

He said Saudi Arabia had informed OPEC of its decision to create a tanker-based stockpile through its Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Moreno told the official news agency Venpres that the move was taken in view of the possible closure of the Straits of Hormuz as a result of the Gulf war.

"This decision will not affect the market, because we are sure Saudi Arabia will do nothing that could affect the present price structure," he said.

Iran has said it would block the Straits if Iraq destroys its terminal facilities on Kharg Island.

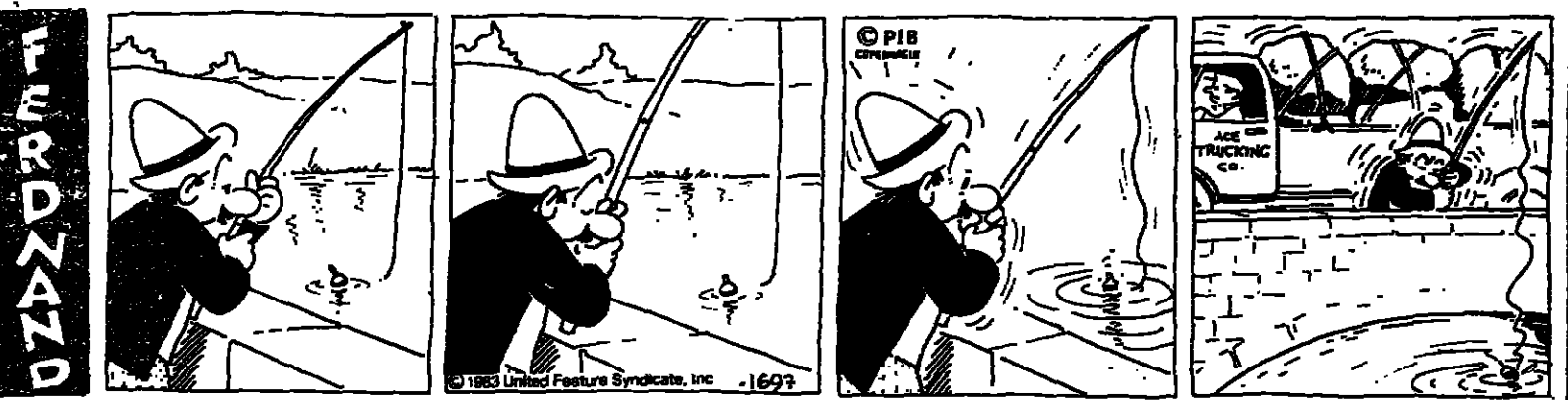
### Saudi Arabia remains major market for Germans

FRANKFURT. — Saudi Arabia remains the top non-European market for the U.S. for West German exports, despite its projected budget deficit and falling oil revenues, Deutsche Bank managing board member Werner Blessing said.

The more middle-sized German firms were now established in the Saudi market, he added, as well as

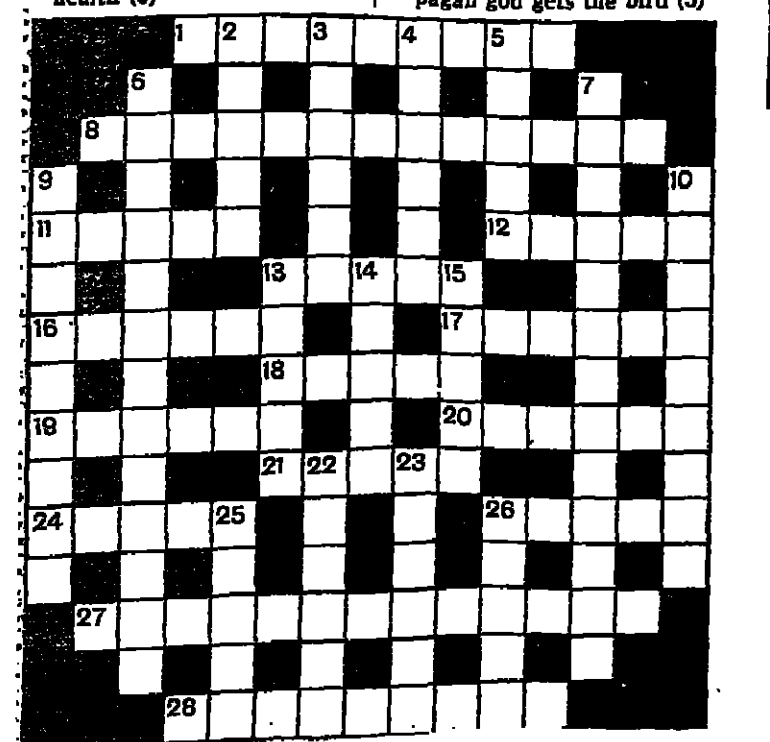
the major companies, which broke into it ten years ago. He said 300 firms had representatives in Saudi Arabia, of which 60 were joint Saudi-German projects.

German exports to Saudi Arabia were expected to stabilize around current levels after several years of extraordinary growth, he said.



### ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rifles which don't reach far (5, 4)
  - 8 Handly corresponding announcement for a parlour game (8, 5)
  - 11 A bloomer that means everything to you and me (5)
  - 12 Not a cunning knife as some would say (5)
  - 13 Summer reptile (5)
  - 16 Apparently only twice able to dance (6)
  - 17 Remember soft heart all aglow? (6)
  - 18 A rope twisted by Verdi maybe (5)
  - 19 Evidence of a cardinal sin? (6)
  - 20 Pike used by navy for fodder (6)
  - 21 Salt for a course (5)
  - 24 Assign the whole first 39 books of the Bible (5)
  - 26 I have invested in the right sort of bolt (5)
  - 27 Spies no doubt held in a locked crypt (6, 7)
  - 28 Attacking a fool in poor health (9)
- DOWN**
- 2 The toy contributions expected cheese-parers? (5)
  - 3 What happened to the report when the Think Tank got bored? (6)
  - 4 Make as certain as one can (6)
  - 5 Belgian town with historic gate for keeping women out? (5)
  - 6 He foresees much money on the counter (7, 6)
  - 7 Lively court ball which troops are called to (6, 7)
  - 9 What apartheid supporters would regard as a blamish on the face of education? (8)
  - 10 Pretend to be someone fed up (9)
  - 13 A poetic effort providing current contact (5)
  - 14 Prepare for dinner, either in the kitchen or the bedroom (5)
  - 15 The extent of the rule is a true 39-4 inches approximately (5)
  - 22 Venetian lawyer whose client needed a first class return to the harbour (6)
  - 23 Trial if not a completed transaction (8)
  - 25 Exhausts fitted to car wheels (5)
  - 26 Archdeacon supporting pagan god gets the bird (5)



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**ACROSS**

- 1 Victorian playwright
- 4 Lodgers
- 5 Surgical knife
- 8 Conscience
- 10 Catholic historian
- 11 Spire

**DOWN**

- 1 Christmas drink
- 2 Smallest
- 3 Wide area
- 4 Zest
- 5 Egg-shaped
- 6 Illustration
- 7 Scandinavian
- 12 Itinerant journey
- 14 Algerian port
- 15 Pops
- 16 Yellow weed
- 18 Rising air current
- 21 Political dreamland
- 22 Venomous snake
- 23 Tree
- 25 Apportion

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FRANCE	FRANC	13.7294 13.8674	13.1100 14.0700
HOLLAND	GULDEN	37.3180 37.6931	36.9400 38.2600
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## Anything for applause

THE MINISTER in charge of Police, Dr. Yosef Burg, and police chief Aryeh Ivztan no doubt assumed that their public relations extravaganza Friday, announcing capture of Emil Grunzweig's suspected killer, would rivet attention on the police's achievement. But this exercise in self-praise has secured the opposite. Instead of focussing on the capture, the thinking public must wonder what purposes were intended to be served by this public exhibit of contempt for due course of the law.

Even before an indictment was submitted to the courts, the minister in charge of police chose to publicly identify and indict a suspect. Such departure from accepted practice does not occur, where the law is honoured, even when officials want to quiet a citizenry panicked, for example, by a crazed Jack the Ripper on the loose.

If reassurance was indeed the purpose in this instance, Dr. Burg and his inspector general succeeded in purveying the opposite. For just as protesting overmuch fails in its purpose, so does self-approbation. Apparently Dr. Burg, so much criticized for not attending to police business, chose to seize this chance to show the public how much he is in command. But such a desperate identification with an achievement displays only that — desperation and not achievement.

Similar signals emerged from the lengthy panegyric by the inspector general. His detailed elaboration of the sophisticated methods employed by the police in tracking down the suspect only reflected an almost pathetic need to win greater public respect. A police force, or at least a police chief, with greater self-confidence would not have resorted to such a display. Nor was it clear that the elaborate methods, rather than the courage and good fortune of the more simple device of an undercover agent, led to the arrest.

Since the unprecedented press conference was a message no less notable than the arrest itself, there is also reason to suspect that Dr. Burg sought in this way to come to the aid of his prime minister and fragile government who face a vote of no-confidence this week in the Knesset. What better way than to proclaim a dramatic police achievement to a citizenry gripped by economic concerns, dismayed by a purposeless adventure in Lebanon, alienated from a feeble and failing government?

Where credit is due it should be bestowed, and at the proper time — to the investigators in the police and the security services, after the courts have accepted the evidence.

At that time it would have been appropriate for Dr. Burg and the inspector general to award their officers and bask, if they so desire, in the reflection of their subordinates' achievement.

But they chose to pre-empt and steal the show, doing a disservice to their subordinates and the law they are obliged to serve.

## Time for decision

THE CABINET is meeting today for yet another crucial session which is to finalize the necessary budget cuts. The immediate lowering of public consumption by cutting government spending is one of the first vital steps the cabinet has to take if the present government still entertains any hope of salvaging the country's economy from its own dismal mismanagement.

But the protracted negotiations between the Treasury and the various ministries have been stymied for weeks on end by coalition pressures. On the eve of today's cabinet session there is still a wide gap between the demands by the Treasury, as approved by the economic-ministerial committee, and what the ministers of defence and of education are prepared to cut.

The share of the defence ministry of the total IS\$8 billion budget cuts is IS\$12 billion, but Defence Minister Moshe Arens is prepared to cut only about one half of this sum. Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer says he can cut only IS\$3 billion of the required IS\$4 billion which is his ministry's share in the overall budget cuts.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad has already lost a great deal of the goodwill and cooperation he could have expected from his cabinet colleagues had he made his demands for budget cuts during the first weeks of Prime Minister Shamir's government which he in fact had saved one week after it was formed. His agreeing to take over where his predecessor Yoram Aridor left off was in itself a courageous step on which he should have cashed in with a number of immediate decisive moves.

With the hundred days of grace of Mr. Shamir's government and of Mr. Cohen-Orgad at the helm of the Treasury over, the cabinet decision on vital budget cuts can no longer be postponed. Without them any talk of an overall economic plan is rendered meaningless.

At a time when the country's wage-earners already feel a severe pinch in their monthly salaries which makes it almost impossible to make ends meet the government must prove that it is also cutting its own household spending. Any further delay will erode the narrow base on which this government still survives.

## POSTSCRIPTS

FRANCE'S "TV Rabbi," Rabbi Josy Eisenberg, who directs a highly popular Jewish religious programme on French state-controlled television, was awarded the Legion of Honour in the New Year list. Eisenberg, 52,

was given the award for "improving relations between Jews and Christians."

His Sunday morning programme, generally devoted to problems of contemporary Judaism or biblical studies, is watched by millions of Jews and non-Jews.

Bulgarian-born pianist Alexis Weissenberg was awarded the Legion of Honour for his contribution to France's musical culture.

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CALLING FOR the dismissal of this or that personality in office seems to be a favourite pastime of some members of the Labour movement. MK Yeroham Meshel, secretary-general of the Histadrut, is one of the movement leaders whose dismissal has recently been called for.

Undoubtedly, Yeroham Meshel is a controversial secretary-general. There are those who argue that he is the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time; that he is too conservative; or even that he is an electoral liability to the Labour movement.

Others see him as an extremely judicious leader who is successfully navigating the Histadrut ship through extremely troubled waters: looming economic chaos, a hostile administration, a delicate political balance, large numbers of Likud supporters within the Histadrut. They say that we shall miss him once he steps down, as he intends to do at the end of his present term.

In the summer of 1980, when the

## Ill-advised dismissals

By SHEVAH WEISS

central committee of the Labour Party was to select a candidate for the post of Histadrut secretary-general, I was one of a group of six members who had approached Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres to hold secret voting, since we believed that only thus would our preferred candidate — Israel Kessar — have any chance of election. Then, as today, I believed that Kessar was the right man for the job, and this despite his Yemenite origins not because of them, for I support candidates for their abilities and qualities, not as gimmicks for catching votes.

However, in the summer of 1980 it was Yeroham Meshel who was chosen by almost 64 per cent of the central committee as the Labour candidate for a third term of office. He was chosen legally by a majority of the movement, and I accepted the verdict, even though I felt strongly at the time that there was a need for a changing of the guard.

APPARENTLY some of those who supported Meshel and voted for him at the time have now changed their minds. But instead of waiting for his term to expire, they have called for Meshel's immediate deposition.

This is a dangerous game, for if a precedent is created — a movement leader challenged and replaced in mid-term for prosaic reasons — who is to stop the fire from spreading in all directions? The Labour movement has developed its own mechanisms for selecting its leaders. Perhaps these mechanisms can be improved — I, for one, would like to see a system of primaries instituted for the selection of the Labour Party chairman — but tampering with the basic rules upon which these mechanisms rest is extremely injudicious.

But it is not only the basic constitutional rules which the would-be deponents are attacking. There are those who want an immediate change for the sake of greater militancy. I would argue

against greater militancy today. Under the present circumstances, it could easily get out of control, and end up destroying the Labour economy itself. Kupat Hofim, Bank Hapoalim, Tnuva, Hamashbir, the whole of Heyvd Ha'ovdim. There are many other arguments against militancy, but these are not the issue under review.

I know that Israel Kessar is more militant than Meshel, that the difference between the two men is more in temperament than in aims and means. Thus, whatever difference the immediate enthroning of Kessar would make, greater militancy is not part of it. I suspect that some of the deponents are not only ill-advised but ill-informed as well.

The writer is a Labour Party MK and professor of political science at Haifa University.

## READERS' LETTERS

### MISSSED OPPORTUNITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — One of the most sarcastic messages of recorded history was dispatched by French King Henri IV to his kinsman Crillon who had overslept the critical battle of Arques. Wrote Henri: "Hang yourself, brave Crillon. We fought at Arques, but you were not there."

An example of opportunity missed. King Hussein reminds me of Crillon. Like the French knight, he "was not there," neither in 1967, when the spoils of war might have been returned to him for a song (a song of peace), nor in 1977 when Sadat came to Jerusalem to sing and received the whole of Sinai as his box-office take. Everybody was waiting for Hussein to stake his claim to the "territories" and to negotiate for what then might still have been available to him.

Now, what is there left to negotiate? Too little. Although the "territories" hang like dumb-bells around Israel's neck, they are no longer available to Hussein to play with, nor to any other Arab "moderate" wanting to come to terms with Israel because he cannot destroy her.

Fifteen years ago, in a letter to the International Herald Tribune, there appeared a warning: "If the Arabs take much longer in seeking direct negotiations with Israel, the present situation, already in the process of jelling, will harden completely. Then the cease-fire lines will have become the permanent borders of the State of Israel."

Seven years later, in 1976, The New York Times published a geographical map accompanying a news analysis by the paper's Jerusalem correspondent, Terence Smith, indicating that, by linking the dots of the country's settlements along the Jordan river and the Golan Heights, one could visualize Israel's future borders. "These are the facts and the rest is only talk," said Mr. Smith.

The Arabs kept stalling. The "occupied territories" became the "administered territories" and finally "Judea and Samaria."

Once in 1972, The Jerusalem Post published a letter suggesting that Israel should serve its neighbours a peace ultimatum: "We give you three months to declare publicly your preparedness to open direct peace negotiations with us, the aims of which must be the establishment of mutually accepted borders... If at the end of three months, no positive answer is forthcoming, Israel will unilaterally and irrevocably annex all territories within the present armistice lines."

Well, we all know what happened, or rather what did not happen. No peace ultimatum was served, of course, nor did any Arab, other than Sadat show any interest in a real-estate deal with Israel. Now it will take a very wise and very patient go-between to help Israel disgorge territories which threaten to suffocate her and to help the Arabs to accept as final payment what has not yet been digested by Israel.

Dr. BERTHOLD WYLER  
Jerusalem.

### SABBATH CANDLES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Amongst the many products which caught my eye during a recent visit to the United States were Sabbath candles. My sensitivity to this particular product is due to the fact that, here in Kiryat Gat, there is a candle factory, Ner Zion. This factory, which exports to the U.S., employs local Jewish residents and is operated by Sabbath observers.

The box of candles I saw in a local supermarket and in a Boro Park shitehel looked exactly like the ones shipped from here. However, it did not state "Made in Kiryat Gat," nor "Product of Israel." A notice was printed on the bottom side of the box, out of sight to the average consumer, to the effect that this was a "Product of China."

I think that each woman who welcomes the Sabbath should have the right to choose if she wants to make the blessing on candles made by Chinese workers or Jewish workers, and should have the right to decide if she wants to support the economy of China or that of a development town in Southern Israel.

JEROME BERGER  
Kiryat Gat.

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